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THE ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN of ASHBY
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31,

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FOREWORD

The 1948 Town Report has been prepared with the thought of giving a more complete description of town affairs and a clearer picture of town finances.

The major departments have included in their reports brief descriptions of their responsibilities, discussions of their problems, and details of the financial accounts.

An entirely separate section has been set up to summarize the complete town financial picture. Here, the totals from all of the departmental accounts are grouped and compared. Revenue that is not related to specific departments is "allocated" among them. Calculations are given which show how our local tax dollar was spent.

To present the material in this fashion, it was necessary to completely rearrange the financial data. To coordinate this work some one person had to serve as editor. While this job fell to the clerk of the Board of Selectmen, it would not have been possible to carry it out had it not been for the fine cooperation of the various town officers and department heads. Many thanks to them.

In preparing the material some "editorial privilege" was exercised. If errors, omissions, or incorrect alterations have been made, they are no doubt those of the editor.

Certain items of historical value have been included, as all of us are interested in the early history of our town.

If the report proves to be of value in creating a better understanding of town affairs and a greater interest in them, the time taken in its preparation will have been time well spent.

Particular thanks are extended to the following:

Miss Irma H. Ojala — for her work in preparing the cover drawing.

Mr. Sam T. Beeman — for preparing the tracing of the town map.

Mr. Richard Leighton — for photographing the engines and enginehouse.

Mr. Victor D'Atre — for drawing the financial charts.
The Editor.

HISTORICAL ITEMS

ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF ASHBY

(March 5, 1767)

An act for erecting the westerly part of the town of Townsend in the County of Middlesex; the northerly part of the town of Fitchburg and the northeasterly part of the town of Ashburnham in the County of Worcester into a town by the name of Ashby, to be annexed to the County of Middlesex. Whereas it has been represented to this court that the inhabitants of the westerly part of the town of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, the northerly part of the town of Fitchburg and the northeasterly part of the town of Ashburnham in the County of Worcester, labor under great difficulties by reason of their not being erected into a town and are desirous of being so erected. Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and house of representatives, that the westerly part of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, the northerly part of Fitchburg, and the northeasterly part of Ashburnham in the County of Worcester, described as follows (Viz.) beginning at the southwesterly corner of Townsend and running northerly to the southwesterly corner of James Coleman's 2nd division lot number eighteen, then running on the westerly line of said lot to the northwest corner of said Coleman lot, then extending the same course enpoint to the Province line; then turning and running easterly on the Province line to Townsend northwest corner, then running easterly on the Province line three miles then turning and running southerly four miles one hundred and ten rods to Lunenburg northwest corner, then running southerly half a mile on the line between Lunenburg and Fitchburg, then running westerly to Ashburnham east line; then running northerly to Townsend's southwest corner where it first began; Be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Ashby; and that the inhabitants therein be and hereby are invested with all the powers, priviledges, and immunities wherein the inhabitants of the towns within this province by law do or may enjoy, that of sending a representative to the General Assembly only excepted; and that the inhabitants of the said town of Ashby shall have liberty from time to

time to join with the town of Townsend in the choice of a representative or representatives which representative or representatives may be chosen indifferently from the town of Townsend or town of Ashby; the pay or allowance for such representative or (1) representatives to be born by the said town of Townsend and town of Ashby according to their respective proportion of the Province tax and that the town of Townsend as often as they shall call a meeting for the choice of a representative or representatives shall from time to time give seasonable notice to the clerk of the said town of Ashby, for the time being of the time and place for holding said meeting to the end the said town of Ashby may join therein, and the clerk of the said town of Ashby shall set up in some public place in said town of Ashby a notification thereat accordingly; Provided nevertheless and be it farther enacted that the said town of Ashby shall pay their proportion of all such Province, County and town taxes already granted to be raised on the several towns to which they severally belong. And be it farther enacted; that James Prescott Esq. be and hereby is, directed and empowered to give his warrant directed to some principal inhabitant within said town, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth to choose all such officers as are or shall be required by law to manage the affairs of said town. Be it farther enacted, that the town Clerks of the said towns of Townsend, Fitchburg and Ashburnham, before the first town meeting of the said town of Ashby shall deliver to James Prescott Esq. of Groton copies of their last lists of valuation of the real and personal estates of the inhabitants of the said town of Ashby, in order to determine the qualification of voters at said meeting and that inhabitants who shall appear by said lists to be voters according to law shall be allowed to vote. And be it farther enacted that said town be annexed to and hereby is part of the County of Middlesex.

March 4th, 1767. This bill having been read three several times in the House of Representatives, passed to be enacted.

I. Cushing, Speaker.

March 5th, 1767. This bill having been first read three several times in Council; passed to be enacted.

A. Oliver, Secretary. (2)

March 6th, 1767. By the Governor; I consent to the enacting this bill.

Ira Bernard.

WARRANT FOR FIRST TOWN MEETING

(March 30th, 1767)

Middlesex ss. To John Bates, of the town of Ashby in the county of Middlesex aforesaid; Husbandman Greeting.

Whereas in and by an act of the Great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, made and passed the fifth day of March A. D. 1767, incorporating part of the town of Townsend, part of the town of Fitchburg and part of Ashburnham into a separate town by the name of Ashby: Investing them with all the privileges and immunities that other towns enjoy, that of choosing a representative only excepted. And whereas I the subscriber, one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for said county in and by said act am appointed to give my warrant directed to some or one of the inhabitants of said Ashby, directing him to call a town meeting etc. These are therefore, in his majesties name to will and require you the said John Bates, forthwith to warn and give notice according to law, to the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said town of Ashby qualified by law to vote in town affairs that they assemble and meet at the house of Mr. Peter Lawrence in said Ashby on the 30th of March inst. at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there being met to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1st. To choose a moderator for the regularly carrying on said meeting.

Article 2nd. To choose all such town officers as are by law required to manage the affairs of said town; and make due return of this Warrant and your doings therein.

Given under my hand and seal at Groton in the county aforesaid this 23rd day of March A. D. 1767.

James Prescott, Justice of Peace.

PROCEEDINGS AT FIRST TOWN MEETING

(March 30, 1767)

Pursuant to a warrant granted by James Prescott Esq. as contained above directed to John Bates, etc.

The inhabitants of said town assembled at the house of Mr.

Peter Lawrence in said town on the 30th day of March A. D. 1767, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, etc.

Article 1st. Mr. John Fitch being chosen moderator of said meeting.

Article 2nd. The town made choice of the following persons into the several offices in the town for the present year viz.:

Town Clerk: James Lock, Jr. Voted to have but three selectmen this year.

Selectmen: James Lock, John Fitch and John Jones.

Assessors: Jacob Puffer, Levi Houghton and Stephen Gibson.

Town Treasurer: John Jones. Voted to have but one constable this year.

Constable: John Fitch.

Wordans: James Lock and David Taylor.

Surveyors of highways: Asa Walker, Ezekiel Haskell, William Cox and Charles Lawrence.

Tything men: Daniel Keys, and William Flag.

Fence Viewers: James Coleman and Daniel Keys.

Sealor of Leather: Timothy Hodgman.

Culler of Lumber: Daniel Keys.

Field Drivers: Daniel Keys and Ezekiel Haskell.

Sealor of Weights and measures: Ezekiel Haskell.

Bear Reaves: James Coleman and William Flag.

Hog Reaves: Daniel Keys and Henry Sellenham.

The above named persons immediately appeared and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their several offices.

By James Lock, Jr., Town Clerk.

TOWN ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS ELECTED BY VOTERS

Moderator (Yearly) Luther H. Hayes	School Committee (3 years) Luther H. Hayes (1949) Ruth E. Varney (1950—Resigned 1949) Edwin J. Lyman* (1951)
Town Clerk (3 years) Arthur L. Wass (1950)	Cemetery Commissioners (3 yrs) Clifford C. Foote (1949) Fred A. Bingham (1950) Wm. S. Green* (1951)
Board of Selectmen (3 Years) Waino I. Pernaa* (1949) George C. Elliott (1950) Frederick S. Kohl (1951)	Library Trustees (3 years) Louis Piper (1949) Lydia E. French (1949) Frank W. Lyman (1949) Milton Barrett (1950) Ethel L. Brewer (1950) Carl E. Foster (1950) Ruth Brooks (1951) Waino I. Pernaa (1951) Martha W. Foster (1951) (deceased)
Treasurer Louis A. Sears (1950)	Constable (Yearly) Howard F. Damon
Tax Collector Louis A. Sears (1951)	Tree Warden (Yearly) Irving P. French
Board of Assessors (3 years) Alfred I. Brewer (1949) Albert H. Damon* (1950) Donald Brooks (1951)	Board of Health (Yearly—By Town Meeting) Waino I. Pernaa Bernice W. Wass Edwin J. Lyman
Board of Public Welfare Bernice W. Wass* (1949) Lucy M. Bingham (1950) Howard F. Damon (1951)	Highway Surveyor (Yearly) Roland F. Simonds
Auditor (Yearly) Floyd C. Pickett	Fence Viewers (Yearly—By Town Meeting) Waino I. Pernaa* George C. Elliott Frederick S. Kohl
Surveyors of Wood, Bark, and Lumber (Yearly—By Town Meeting) Albert M. Wilder Fred L. Taylor Frank M. Mills Harold W. Loveland Roscoe Ballou Elmer L. Mason Roland F. Simonds	
Field Drivers (Yearly—By Town Meeting) Waino I. Pernaa George C. Elliott Frederick S. Kohl	

NOTES:

Years given in parentheses denote years in which terms of office expire.

Officers elected by Town Meeting are noted above. All others elected by ballot.

* Committee Chairmen

TOWN ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Town Counsel (Yearly)	Moth Superintendent (Yearly)
Asa S. Allen	Irving P. French
Police (Yearly)	Public Weighers (Yearly)
Howard F. Damon, Chief	Howard F. Damon
Chap. 81 and Chap. 90	Fred A. Bingham
Highway Supervisor (Yearly)	Wilfred Bedard
Roland F. Simonds	Fire Chief (Yearly)
Registrars of Voters (Yearly)	George C. Elliott
Arthur L. Wass	Forest Fire Warden (Yearly)
Lydia E. French	George C. Elliott
Clarissa C. Lawrence	Dog Officer (Yearly)
George W. Seymour	Clarence E. Wright
Election Officers (Yearly)	Inspector of Animals and
Arthur L. Wass	Provisions (Yearly)
Frank M. Mills	Clarence E. Wright
Roland F. Simonds	Sealer of Weights and
Warren J. Bennett	Measures (Yearly)
William H. Partridge	Clarence E. Wright
Lydia E. French	Agent for Veterans
Clarissa C. Lawrence	Services (Yearly)
Director of Extension Service	George W. Seymour
(Yearly)	Agent for Veterans
Alice M. Seymour	Graves (Yearly)
Burial Agent (Yearly)	William Hemlin
Fred A. Bigham	

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY OTHERS

Supt. of Schools	Inspector of Health
(By School Committes of Ashby, Townsend and Lunenburg)	(By Nashoba Health Unit)
Charles M. Robinson	Henry T. Smith
School Physician	Finance Committee (3 Years)
(By School Committee)	(By Moderator)
Dr. Claire Cayward	Harold White* (1950)
School Nurse	(Deceased)
(By School Committee)	Walter Woodruff* (1949)
Alice M. Seymour	Geo. W. Seymour (1949)
Health Agent	Eino Pernaa (1950)
(By Nashoba Health Unit)	Kenneth Crocker (1950)
Dr. Sidney Cobb	Rodney Burnap (1951)
	Richard Saari (1951)

Departmental Reports

Report of the Board of Selectmen

As can be seen from the financial statements given in other parts of the Town Report, the Town's financial position is good. With no indebtedness of any kind, our surplus assets amount to approximately \$33,000. Relatively few towns of like size in the Commonwealth are in a better condition.

In spite of our good position, the requirement for added school facilities is going to represent a serious problem which we have to face in the immediate future. The Special Town Meeting (September) gave us an excellent introduction to the financial side of the picture. Even though this was clearly advertised as a meeting for the purpose of discussing the school problem, the attendance was quite low. With this question before us, every voter should make it his business to attend all Town Meetings.

In the November Election, the Town voted in favor of "Package" Stores. Under the law, the Board of Selectmen (in our sized town) serve as Licensing Authorities. A maximum of two licenses could be granted. Four applications were received. All were rejected by the Board for the following reasons:

- (a) Building incomplete.
- (b) Building incomplete and location adjacent to a recreational area.
- (c) Location in conjunction with a restaurant frequented by school children.
- (d) Location in conjunction with over-night cabins.

In October, the Board "perambulated" the Town line between Ashby and Mason, N. H. with the Board of Select-

men of Mason. Inspection of markers at periodic intervals is required by law. On this portion of our boundary, three markers exist. All were found to be in good condition.

In voting at the Town Meeting on 1949 expenses, voters are urged to approve the "raising and appropriating" of funds rather than just the "appropriating" of funds. This later procedure uses money from our surplus assets. While our financial position is good, it has been found that a relatively high surplus is needed to carry the Treasurer's cash balance through the "lean" period of March to July. During this period our expenses continue but our major revenue (tax payments) has not come in yet. In 1947 a temporary \$10,000 loan was needed; in 1948 a \$5000 one. If our surplus is left sufficiently high we won't incur the expense of loan interest. Even if the present surplus is left untouched, it cannot definitely be stated that some small loan won't be needed in 1949.

The disbursements of the Town approved on warrants totaled \$128,612.58. Details of the departmental accounts are included in the various departmental reports. The Selectmen are responsible for the General Government accounts. These are given below.

WAINO I. PERNAÄ, Chairman

GEORGE C. ELLIOTT

FREDERICK S. KOHL, Clerk

Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's report consists of the items listed below. For the sake of convenience in arrangement these items are located in various parts of the town report as shown.

- 1) Births Recorded—(See Appendix).
- 2) Marriages Recorded—(See Appendix).
- 3) Deaths Recorded—(See Appendix).
- 4) Burial Permits Issued—(See Appendix).
- 5) Warrants and Minutes of Town Meetings held in 1948—(See Section on Warrants and Minutes).
- 6) Clerk's Receipts and Payments—(Given below).

Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 1948.

RECEIPTS

Dog Licenses

137 Males	@ \$2.00	\$274.00
48 Females	@ 5.00	240.00
53 Spayed Females	@ 2.00	106.00
1 Kennel		10.00

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

61 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$2.00	122.00
45 Resident Citizen Hunting	@ 2.00	90.00
103 Resident Citizen Sporting	@ 3.25	334.75
68 Resident Citizen Minor & Female Fishing	@ 1.25	85.00
1 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	@ 2.25	2.25
6 Resident Citizen Trapping	@ 5.25	31.50
1 Spec. Non-Resident Fishing		1.50
1 Non-Resident Citizen Minor Fishing		2.25
15 Resident Citizen Sporting — free		
1 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting — free		

Gas Registrations	11 @ .50	5.50
Auctioneers License	1 @ 2.00	2.00
Oleomargarine Licenses	2 @ .50	1.00

	1,307.75
Less fees	119.30
	1,188.45

PAYMENTS

To Town Treasurer:	
Dog Licenses	582.20
Gas Registrations	5.50
Oleomargarine License	1.00
Auctioneers License	2.00
 To Division of Fisheries & Game	 597.75
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	1,188.45
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ARTHUR L. WASS,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee sometimes called the advisory committee, created by by-law as authorized by section 16, Chapter 39, General Laws, is directed to consider all articles of the Town Meeting Warrant which invoke an expenditure of money and make recommendations thereon.

It is a planning or program or steering committee, giving consideration of services required and the financial outlook, with particular consideration of the extent of services required and ability of the taxpayer to pay for services.

In reviewing the 1948 expenses, the following overdrafts were approved:

Police	\$146.44
Burial	69.50
Chap. 90 Cons.—Rindge Rd.	.20
Chap. 90 Cons.—New Ipswich Rd.	.13
Street Lights	10.72
Total	<hr/> \$226.99*

*Original Reserve Fund \$1,000, leaving balance of \$773.01.

The 1949 Budget which serves as a part of the Finance Committee's report is given in the Financial summary section of the Town Report.

GEORGE W. SEYMOUR,

Sec. of Finance Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report consists of three specific tabulations as follows:

- 1) Receipts and Payments.
- 2) Special Deposits.
- 3) Trust Funds.

These are given below:

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1948 \$18,322.50

Received from State:

Highways	\$17,252.67
Chapter 90 Rindge Road 1947 Account	2,999.35
Chapter 90 New Ipswich Road 1947 Acc't.	2,998.57
Income Tax	11,246.16
Massachusetts School Fund	4,307.56
Old Age Assistance Meals Tax Included	4,814.21
Vocational Training	108.20
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	301.48
Business Corporation Taxes	3,596.57
Superintendent of Small Towns	386.67
Live Stock Disease Control	30.00
Aid for Dependent Children	109.49
Forestry	50.00
Temporary Aid and Transportation	8.50
Public Service	332.63
Gas Tax Refund	52.47
School Tuition	866.66
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	49,461.19

Received from County:

Dog Tax	587.88
Highways	500.00
Chapter 90 Rindge Road 1947 Account	2,999.35
Chapter 90 New Ipswich Road 1947 Account	2,998.57
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	7,085.80

Received from Collector of Taxes

69,175.06

Received from Federal Grants

Old Age Assistance	5,298.26
Aid for Dependent Children	58.88

5,357.14**Received—Miscellaneous:**

Road Machinery Rentals	578.45
District Court Fines	102.00
Sealer's Fees	10.70
Library Fines	72.00
New Cemetery Trust Funds	950.00
Licenses	107.50
Dog Licenses	582.20
Gas Registrations	5.50
Slaughtering Fees	96.55
Checks Returned to Free Cash	222.38
Temporary Note	4,961.81
Marston Library Account	
General	136.89
Educational	273.78
Cemetery Lots Sold	104.00
Sale of Old Equipment	606.00
Rental of Equipment	7.20
Due County Retirement System	7.42
Due Federal Government Tax	12.10

8,836.48**Received—Income from Funds and Interest:**

Samuel P. Gates Fund for School	564.29
Sumner Taylor Fund for Schools	39.70
Jesse Foster Fund for Schools	15.05
Haskell Fund for Library	157.70
Lucy A. Hayward Fund for Library	7.52
Levi W. Mayo Fund for Library	7.52
Harriet Farr Fund for Library	12.05
Town of Ashby Fund	194.98
Cemetery Trust Funds for Perpetual Care	601.76
Interest on United States Bond	37.50

1,638.07**Total**

\$159,876.24

Payments:

Warrants	\$128,612.58
Deductions by State	
State Parks	83.63
Auditing	12.01
Balance December 31, 1948	31,168.02
Total	<u>\$159,876.24</u>

SPECIAL DEPOSITS

Item	Balance Jan. 1, 1948	Income	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
Town Farm Fund (1)	12,950.00	194.98	194.98	12,950.00
Old Home Day Fund (2)	530.77	7.99	.....	538.76
Cemetery Lots Fund (1)	1,069.28	119.99*	1,189.27
Sale of Lots	\$104.00			
Interest	15.99			
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*Total income	119.99			
Grand Stand Insurance Fund (2)	698.58	10.51	709.09
(Available to Park Commissioners for use at Allen Field)				
Town War Bond \$15.00 (3)	1,612.50	37.50	.....	1,650.00
(Purchased with 1943 Road Oil Funds— Now available only for a permanent Town improvement)				
Marston Library Fund (4)	273.07	136.89	115.17	294.79
(Available to Library Trustees For general Library use)				
Marston Educational Fund (4)	1,822.58	273.78	2,096.36
(Available to Library Trustees for Educational use)				
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Totals: In separate accounts				15,387.12
In checking account				2,541.15
Bond				1,500.00

- (1) Deposited in Worcester North Savings Institution.
 (2) Deposited in Fitchburg Savings Bank.
 (3) Bond held by Safety Fund Bank. Interest of \$150 exists as restricted cash in treasurers checking account.
 (4) Income from Marston Estate received annually. No principle is held by the town. The balances shown are in the form of restricted cash in checking account.

TRUST FUNDS

Item	Balance Jan. 1, 1948	Income	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
Roxanna E. Robbins				
Chapel Fund (1)	5,431.27	81.77	.....	5,513.04
(Principal \$1,370.00)				
Sumner Taylor				
School Fund (1)	2,637.00	39.70	39.70	2,637.00
Jesse Foster				
School Fund (2)	1,000.00	15.05	15.05	1,000.00
S. P. Gates				
School Fund (3)	20,000.00	564.29	564.29	20,000.00
Levi Mayo				
Library Fund (1)	500.00	7.52	7.52	500.00
Lucy A. Hayward				
Library Fund (1)	500.00	7.52	7.52	500.00
Marshall Library				
Fund (1)	521.10	7.85	.....	528.95
(Principal \$460.00)				
Harriet J. Farr				
Library Fund (2)	800.00	12.05	12.05	800.00
Haskell Library				
Fund (3)	2,850.00	157.70	157.70	2,850.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care				
Trust Funds				
(218 Acct's)	25,145.83	1,327.25(4)	601.76	25,871.32

- (1) Deposited in Worcester North Savings Institution.
 (2) Deposited in Fitchburg Savings Bank.
 (3) Deposited in Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.
 (4) Income: New Trust Funds \$950.00 (See Below)

Interest	377.25
Total	1,327.25

NEW TRUST FUNDS

James Caton	50.00
Henry Saari	150.00
Hilda Gustafson	150.00
Howard Wilkinson	150.00
Thomas and Eliina Lybeck	150.00
Solomon B. Parker	150.00
Fernando Farnsworth	150.00
Total	<hr/> \$950.00

LOUIS A. SEARS,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Year Levied	Tax Group	Warrants (Amount Levied)	Taxes Collected	Interest Collected	Cost Collected	Outstanding Uncollected Taxes
1946	Real Estate	21.00(1)				21.00
1947	Real Estate	7,802.30(1)	7,797.20	203.04	.....	5.10
	Personal Property	854.13(1)	803.13	16.83	.....	51.00
	Motor Excise	351.74(1)	351.74	1.75	.....	.....
	Poll	16.00(1)	16.00	.10	.35	.....
1948	Real Estate	55,871.16	49,039.82	15.27	.....	6,831.34
	Personal Property	5,654.34	4,836.90	1.25	.....	817.44
	Motor Excise	6,085.26	5,851.26	4.01	.....	234.00
	Poll	894.00	892.00	.04	14.35	2.00
Totals		77,549.93	69,588.05(2)	242.29	14.70	7,961.88
(1) Outstanding uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1948.						
(2) Abatements and transfers to tax titles included as collections in order to allow balance with original levy.						
			Taxes Collected	69,588.05		
			Interest Collected	242.29		
			Costs Collected	14.70		
			Total Collected	69,845.04		
			Less Abatements	528.23		
			Trans. to Tax Title Acct.	141.75		
			Total	669.98		
Fund Paid to Treasurer			LOUIS A. SEARS, Tax Collector.			
			\$69,175.06			

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The town's tax revenue comes from four sources: (1) Real Estate, (2) Personal Property, (3) Poll and (4) Motor Excise Taxes. The Board of Assessors are responsible for making the evaluations and establishing the tax rate on real estate and personal property. The Poll tax is fixed. The Motor Excise tax is prepared by the State Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, even though the bills are put out and collected by the town.

As soon as the Annual Town meeting is over, the board knows the expenses to which the town is committed. The State Commissioner gives us his best estimate of (1) the income that the town can expect from outside sources, (2) the outside expenses that will likely be charged against the town and (3) the evaluation and tax rate for motor excises. These, along with our own estimate of poll tax revenue, allow us to calculate the amount that must be raised by taxation on real estate and personal property. Knowing the revenue needed and the evaluation, we can then calculate the tax rate (subject to the approval of the Commissioner).

The following tabulation lists items of particular interest:

Real Estate:

Number of Persons assessed	485	
Number of houses	416	
Land acreage	14,250.09	
Evaluation of land		\$262,807
Evaluation of buildings		978,165
Total evaluation on real estate		1,240,972

Personal Property

Number of persons assessed	144
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Number of animals involved:

Cows	287
Horses	35
Bulls	69
Swine	41
Sheep	44
Fowl	29,495
Total evaluation on personal property	\$125,601
TOTAL EVALUATION (real estate plus personal property)	\$1,366,573

Poll Tax

All male residents (whether registered voters or not), with the exception of those over 70 years old who apply for age abatement, are taxed \$2 each.

Number of polls assessed	447*
Poll taxes assessed	\$894*

*Prior to abatements.

Motor Excise Tax

Number of vehicles	672
Tax Rate — \$38.10 per \$1,000 evaluation.	
Taxes assessed	\$6,085.26*

*Prior to abatements.

In 1948 it was calculated that the amount the town should raise by taxation on real estate and personal property was \$61,495.78. Based on our total evaluation of \$1,366,573, the tax rate became:

$$\frac{\$61,495.78 \times 1000}{\$1,366,573} = \$45.00 \text{ (per \$1000 of evaluation).}$$

Using 1948 figures, each \$1000 that the town raised and appropriated, meant an increase in the tax rate of approximately 73c. If an individual had an evaluation of \$3000 (which is just about the average for the town), each

\$1,000 of net expense to the town meant an increase in his tax bill of about \$2.19. These figures should be used only as a very rough guide for judging the 1949 picture, as the tax rate cannot be set until the expenses are determined by the town meeting and the calculations completed.

In 1948, the evaluations on all buildings except hen houses and barns were increased 25%. No general increase was made on hen houses, barns, land and personal property.

It is only natural that Ashby taxes be compared with taxes in other towns. In comparing them it should be remembered that "Tax Rate" is only part of the story. Comparative evaluations must also be known.

Knowing from past experience that some tax abatements will be granted, we include, in the amount to be raised by taxation, a reasonable allowance for them.

To provide a running record of these allowances (known as "overlays") and the actual abatements made against them, a special "assessors overlay" account is kept.

The 1948 details of this account are given below:

Balance Jan. 1, 1948	3,623.79
1948 overlay	527.90
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	4,151.69
1948 abatements	528.23
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Balance Dec. 31, 1948	3,623.46

This balance exists as restricted cash in the treasury.

ALBERT H. DAMON

DONALD BROOKS

ALFRED I. BREWER

Board of Assessors.

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

The Board of Public Welfare work falls in three categories; that is, General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and following are the individual reports. Income and expenses are summarized at the end of this report.

General Relief

The present case load of General Relief is four cases, consisting of seven persons. During the year the Board cared for seven families, comprising fourteen persons.

Following is the number of persons cared for by the department, by months:

Jan. 2	Apr. 8	July 9	Oct. 9
Feb. 2	May 8	Aug. 13	Nov. 9
Mar. 2	June 9	Sept. 9	Dec. 7

Of the above cases, one is a State case and two have settlements outside of Ashby for which the town will be reimbursed in full.

The remainder of cases are Ashby settled and is the town's full responsibility.

The cost of General Relief (inc. administration) to the town was \$2,302.82.

Aid to Dependent Children

The present case load is two families, comprising eight dependent children.

The cost of ADC (inc. administration) to the town was \$444.82.

Old Age Assistance

On January 1, 1948 the case load for Old Age Assistance was twenty cases. In April we lost three cases by death. There were no new cases opened during the year, thus leaving seventeen cases as of December 31, 1948. These are all Ashby settled

cases. Besides the above cases we have one Ashby settled case being aided in another city, for which Ashby is paying.

During the year we had two cases in nursing homes and three cases in the hospital.

The cost of Old Age Assistance (inc. administration) to the town was \$2,822.13.

Summary of Income and Expenses

Account	Income	Expenses	Approp.	Bal.
General Relief (1)	8.50(2)	2502.51	2700.00	197.49
General Relief Admin.		210.00	210.00	
Aid to Dependent Children				
Town (3)	103.29(4)	746.42	1000.00	253.58
Aid to Dependent Children,				
Fed. (5)	58.88			
ADC, Admin, Town		10.00	10.00	
ADC, Admin., Federal	7.25			
Old Age Assistance,				
Town (6)	4742.06(7)	7098.16	7500.00	401.84
Old Age Assistance,				
Federal (8)	5225.48	4559.64		
Old Age Assis., Admin.,				
Town		265.00	265.00	
Old Age Assis., Admin.,				
Federal	143.88	16.89		
Cost to Town (all Welfare Depts)		\$5569.77.		
(1) Accounts Receivable:				
State	\$102.00			
Townsend	23.31			
Lynn	275.88			
	<u>401.19</u>			
(2) From State (Temp. Aid and Trans.)				
(3) Accounts receivable from State	\$242.14.			
(4) State Reimbursement.				
(5) Accounts receivable from Fed. Gov't.	\$273.24.			
(6) Accounts receivable from State (Nov. and Dec., pay-rolls)	\$621.22.			
(7) From: State reimbursement	\$4576.37			
State Meal Tax	165.69			
		<u>4742.06</u>		

- (8) Accounts receivable from Fed. Gov't. (Nov. and Dec., payrolls) \$971.30.

Summary of Federal Accounts

Federal payments to the town usually are kept slightly ahead of the expenses chargeable to Federal accounts. As a result the town treasurer usually has a balance of restricted cash on hand. A summary of the Federal accounts is given below. State payments are handled as reimbursements and the expense precedes the income.

	Balance Jan. 1, 1848	Income	Expenses	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
Aid to Dependent Children	20.98	58.88	.....	79.86
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	39.06	7.25	.....	46.31
Old Age Assistance	626.84	5225.48	4559.64	1292.68
Old Age Assistance Adm.	89.15	143.88	16.89	216.14
				<hr/> 1,634.99

The 1949 Budget as prepared by the Welfare Board (as listed below) has been approved by the Finance Committee. This covers the Town accounts only. The expenses chargeable to the Federal accounts is neither raised nor appropriated by the town.

General Relief	\$4500
General Relief, Adm.	210
O.A.A.	7000
O.A.A., adm.	265
ADC	2500
ADC, Adm.	10

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE W. WASS, Chairman

LUCY M. BINGHAM

HOWARD F. DAMON

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE

Mr. Edwin J. Lyman, Chairman	Term expires 1951
Mrs. Ruth Varney, Secretary	Term expires 1950
Mr. Luther H. Hayes	Term expires 1949

Regular meetings: High School, 7:30 P. M., Monday before the last Saturday of each month.

Superintendent: Charles M. Robinson, Townsend, Massachusetts.

Superintendent's Secretary: Mrs. Virginia Freeman Welch, Townsend, Mass.

Supervisor of Music: Mrs. Elizabeth S. White, Ashby, Mass.

School Physician: Dr. Claire S. Cayward, New Ipswich, N. H.

School Nurse: Mrs. Alice Seymour, Ashby, Massachusetts.

Janitor: Mr. Linnie Varney, Ashby, Massachusetts.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1948—1949

Fall term began September 8, 1948	Closed December 22, 1948
Mid-Winter term begins Jan. 3, 1949	Closes Feb. 18, 1949
Winter term begins Feb. 28, 1949	Closes April 15, 1949
Spring term begins April 25, 1949	Closes June 22, 1949*

Graduation Date—June 14, 1949

Fall term begins September 7, 1949	Closes December 23, 1949*
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* Approximate

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee
Ashby, Massachusetts

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my eighth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

TEACHERS

In a way, the year 1948 was an unfortunate one for the Ashby teaching staff. Early in the year, Mrs. Ellen E. Sumner, who had served as a conscientious and capable teacher of Grades 3 and 4 for several years, was taken seriously ill and passed away on March 23, 1948. Mrs. Anne Hawthorne of Fitchburg did excellent work in completing the year, but was unable to return to the school in September. Because of the increased enrollment, these two grades were divided into separate rooms — Mrs. Josephine M. Bowen as teacher of the third grade, and Mrs. Myra M. Bonitz in the fourth.

In the Fall, Mr. Lester R. Aldrich of Lancaster replaced Mr. Luce as principal of the school. Mr. Willis V. E. Gray of Littleton, who replaced Mr. McCarthy, was in a serious automobile accident on November 22 and was in the hospital several weeks. We were very fortunate in securing Miss Vivi Ann Contos of Salem to substitute for Mr. Gray, and we hope to make arrangements for her to continue in Ashby after he returns to his duties.

Miss Bertha D. Johnson succeeded Miss Corliss as first grade teacher and is also coaching the girls' basketball.

Miss Irma H. Ojala of Fitchburg became teacher of Arts and Crafts, serving two days a week in Ashby and the balance in Townsend.

Mr. Waino I. Pernaa was prevailed upon to continue his interest in boys' athletics by coaching the basketball.

TRANSPORTATION

Even with the new school buses put into operation a year ago, the increased enrollment necessitated one change in September. Mrs. Vera M. Keyes was re-employed to relieve the over-crowded conditions on Mr. Wiita's route. As most of the buses are filled to capacity at the present time, it may be necessary to make some route alterations for the coming school year.

ENROLLMENT

You will notice by the chart at the end of this report that the present enrollment is 233 which is 22 pupils more than last year's total of 211.

As it was necessary to have all the rooms on the first floor for separate classes of the first four grades, the combined class of Grades 5 and 6 was placed in the West room of the second floor, formerly occupied by the seventh grade. The only way to provide sufficient classroom space for the Junior-Senior high grades was to convert the Chemistry Laboratory on the third floor into a recitation room.

As Chemistry is offered only on alternate years, this arrangement does not handicap us at present as much as it will next year when the subject is taught.

THE EXPANSION CRISIS

The anticipated minimum enrollment for September, 1949 is 250 pupils, about 200 of which will be in the first eight grades.

To understand definitely how our pupil housing problem has grown, let me list the membership of the school in January of each of the past five years:

	Grades 1-8	High School	Total
1945	113	49	162
1946	139	58	197
1947	144	48	192
1948	166	45	211
1949	183	50	233

These figures show that although the enrollment of the high school has remained about the same, that of the elementary grades has increased 62% in the last five years.

The school building comprises eight classrooms on the first two floors, with a small room for typing and a laboratory on the third floor. Whereas five years ago we housed the first eight grades in four rooms, it is now necessary to use seven of these rooms, and in another year all the rooms on the two floors will be utilized by these grades. The high school classes are thus being crowded into a smaller space each year and eventually out of the present building.

To show how urgent is the need for immediate plans to alleviate the crowded conditions in the school, let me cite the minimum enrollment anticipated during the next few years.

	Present	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
Elementary	183	195	203	215	225
High School	50	60	70	75	75
Total	233	255	273	290	300

No attempt is made in these figures to include any pupils who might move into town, as this is impossible to foresee. But, without doubt, in the next school year we will find the enrollment of the elementary school to be about 200, which is the present maximum safety capacity of the building as certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.

At the present time the Chemistry Laboratory on the third floor has been converted into a classroom for the high school, as the subject of Chemistry is offered only on alternate years. If this subject is taught next year, the laboratory facilities must of necessity be greatly curtailed.

The typing room and the laboratory, which must be entered through the attic, have no proper means of ventilation and are being used only as an emergency measure. Both should be discontinued as class rooms at the earliest possible time.

Unless too many new pupils move into town, we shall probably be able to "get along" with the present facilities for next

year. The following September, however, it will be necessary to utilize all the classrooms on the two floors for the first eight grades. Definite plans, therefore, should be inaugurated at once to provide adequate accommodations for the high school pupils. One of these three alternates must be decided upon:

- (a) Arrangements made to send the students to some high school out-of-town.
- (b) Building a new high school.
- (c) Go on a two-platoon system, with the elementary pupils attending school in the morning and the high school in the afternoon.

The town should make an immediate decision as to its future policy concerning the secondary school.

EQUIPMENT

The graduating class of 1948 presented the school with three electric clocks for classrooms. Necessary electrical outlets were installed in order to use these clocks.

The school is indebted to the P-TA for the gift of a film strip projector, together with some sets of pictures for the machine. It is planned to continue to build a library of such pictures which may be used in any of the classes in the building.

We were fortunate in the Fall to secure some much needed tables, desks and tablet arm chairs at a very reasonable rate. More equipment is necessary each year as the enrollment increases.

BASKETBALL FACILITIES

This year it became mandatory that if Ashby was to remain in the Wachusett Basketball League, its games could no longer be played in the old Town Hall. The Townsend School Committee kindly granted the use of the Spaulding Memorial School gymnasium for games and practices at a very small cost. Although this arrangement solves the problem temporarily, definite arrangements should be started immediately to provide adequate gymnasium and auditorium facilities, if Ashby plans to keep its high school students in town.

REPAIRS

A few necessary repairs were made during the past year. The fixing of the boiler was not so extensive as was anticipated.

The floors in the first and second grade rooms and the corridors has the oil removed from them and a penetrating floor finish applied. This application not only makes them easier to keep clean, but also the children's clothes will not be soiled as they were by the oil. Plans are being made to refinish more classrooms during the summer.

Fluorescent lighting was installed in the Chemistry Laboratory in order to have sufficient illumination for regular classes. By a definite year to year schedule, all the classrooms should have the open face light bulbs replaced by this more beneficial method.

After considerable study and consultation with experts, definite steps have been started to eliminate the perennial problem of the school sewerage disposal. A pump, placed in the front lawn near the septic tank, will force the sewage to a cess pool at the extreme rear corner of the playground, from which will radiate several perforated pipes for leaching. It is hoped that this plan will properly handle all sewage disposal for many years.

The exterior of the school has not been painted for many years and should be done as soon as it is feasible. I recommend a separate article in the town warrant for this purpose.

FINANCES

At the end of this report is a financial statement of expenditures for 1948 together with the budget for 1949. Unfortunately the income from invested funds and dog tax was not so large as was anticipated and the expenses were consequently reduced.

The receipts accredited to school of \$13,594.86 deducted from expenses results in a net cost to the town by local taxation of \$22,852.55. This amount is only slightly larger than the previous year, but due to a larger enrollment, the net cost per pupil was reduced to only \$103.88.

Let me indicate that the most expensive part of our educational system is the high school with its numerous small classes. For the school year of 1947-48, the total cost per pupil in the high school (\$267.43) was almost double that of the elementary (\$137.67). As more pupils enter the high school classes, the cost per pupil will tend to decrease.

Although the 1949 budget appears to be much greater, the primary increases are for a larger teaching staff and more transportation facilities. However, due to the new state aid law which becomes operative in 1949, the anticipated total receipts for schools is \$18,300. The net cost to the town by local taxation will be only slightly larger, if any, than in 1948. With an increase in enrollment, the net cost per pupil should be reduced to even below \$100.

An appropriation of \$41,200 plus income from invested funds and dog tax is hereby requested.

CONCLUSION

May I direct your attention to the excellent report of the principal, Mr. Aldrich. For the fine spirit he and his teachers have shown, and for the cooperative attitude of the committee and parents, may I express my gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. ROBINSON,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Charles M. Robinson
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my first annual report as principal of Lyman School.

There have been many questions about the philosophy of education as followed in the Lyman School, most especially that part of the philosophy which deals with school discipline. It is next to impossible to describe discipline because it is not separate from the whole teaching situation in the classroom. Discipline is an organic part of the total class and out-of-class activities to assist students to develop knowledge, skills, habits, and attitudes which give the students control of themselves. It is the process of developing in the students self-control, self-direction, and self-government; characteristics which determine whether natural tendencies are constructive or destructive.

The purpose of this type of discipline is to help the students select a desirable pattern of conduct into which they will fit themselves. It is a process of working out in school life the greatest fundamental of American democracy—the right of a free people to govern themselves. This is the policy now being followed at the Lyman School.

One of the cardinal principals of education is the development of good health habits. This is done by direct and indirect teaching of basic health procedures. By the direct methods, students learn about health through formal class lessons given by the teacher. But in health education, the learning about health facts is not enough. These facts must lead to effective health habits to be of value. This can only be done by daily practice of the basic concepts of health education both in the school and the home. The school facilities must be as immaculate as those to be found in the homes of the community. To be taught certain values and not see them in practice can lead only to confusion on the part of the students.

Since a majority of the students came to school at an early hour, and the noon hour found idle hands, it seemed feasible to take up the slack in the time schedule. School now starts at eight forty-five and closes at two twenty-five. The class periods have not been shortened in any way.

The story telling hour, which is held at the Public Library every Friday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Mark Thatcher, greatly enriches the literature courses in the elementary grades. The stories realistically told by Mrs. Thatcher stimulate a keen interest in the children's books which the library has on loan in each classroom. The library continues to cooperate with the English departments of the upper six grades by providing the books recommended for outside reading in these grades.

A new system of school finance has been inaugurated with Mrs. Gwladys Miller as the school treasurer. This facilitates the efficient handling of the funds of the various school organizations.

At a meeting of the Wachusett Interscholastic League October 4, 1948, the following motion was passed by a vote of 6-3 (Townsend, Lunenburg, and Ashby opposing): "The league members are unwilling to play this year on Ashby's present home court. Ashby may continue in the league providing their home games are played on the courts of other members of the league or equally adequate courts." Objections to the Town Hall floor were as follows:

1. Length of court short by approximately 30 feet.
2. Width of court short by approximately 13 feet.
3. Ceiling height short by approximately 10 feet.
wall.
4. Backboards flush with wall instead of set out from the
5. Rims only 9 feet from floor instead of the required 10 feet.
6. Building heated by a one pipe heater with iron grille opening near the center of the floor.
7. Building overheated and lacked ventilation.
8. Playing surface of soft wood with exposed nail heads.
9. Dangerous projections on side walls and open stairwell from floor to basement.

10. No facilities for showers to prevent colds.
11. No adequate toilet facilities available.
12. Dressing rooms improperly heated.

In view of the league action, the Townsend School Committee unanimously voted to extend the use of the Spaulding Memorial Gymnasium to the Lyman School. This expression of generosity was greatly appreciated by the students and the towns' people. The Spaulding Memorial Gymnasium is now used for all Ashby home games as well as one practice session every Monday night. The use of the Townsend floor is an added financial burden to the basketball budget. It also results in additional late evenings for the students in an already busy schedule.

The Parent and Teachers Association is to be highly commended for their contributions to the educational program of the school. It sponsors one of the finest school lunches in this area at the lowest cost to the student. The school lunch program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to enjoy a wholesome, well-balanced meal in comfortable surroundings and a friendly atmosphere. An average of 175 students daily avail themselves of this opportunity. Much credit must be given to Mrs. John Mossman and Mrs. Kenneth Foresman for the excellence of this program.

A Tri-Purpose S. V. E. Projector was purchased by the P. T. A. this year to be used for visual education in the classrooms. The school has subscribed to the New York Times news service which sends out a "March of Time" film-strip each month. This film-strip is used in the upper seven grades. Film-strips are available in practically every subject at every grade level. Our film-strip library now includes: "The Night Before Christmas", "Animal Cell Structure", "Coelenterata", "Echinodermata", "Central America", and "American Railroads". Other film-strips are on order.

The P. T. A. sponsored a highly successful dancing school under the capable direction of Mrs. Jean Farley and Mrs. Lucy O'Neil. Sixty-five students attended a series of ten dancing lessons held weekly in the First Parish Hall. Social etiquette as well as ballroom dancing were mastered by the students. Another P. T. A. project now under way is the construction of

playground equipment in the form of swings, teeter boards, and slides.

Fluorescent lighting has been installed in the commercial room and the laboratory. The other classrooms are so poorly lighted that a reading activity can result in severe eye strain and nervous fatigue. Modern school lighting equipment makes it no longer necessary for a classroom to be dark and gloomy even on a rainy day. Steps have been taken to regulate the present system to obtain maximum light production. In the lower three grades the movable furniture has been placed diagonally across the room so that the light comes over the student's shoulder at the desired angle of fifty degrees.

In September, the classes in the high school met, organized, and elected the following students as class presidents: Lewis Smith, Freshman Class; Roger Mills, Sophomore Class; Raymond Pesola, Junior Class; Norman Aho, Senior Class. The Student Council, which is made up of the four class presidents, met and elected Norman Aho president of the Student Council. The annual one-act play competition was held October 29th in the Parish Hall under the auspices of the Student Council. The Senior Class won the first prize of \$80, the Sophomore Class won the second prize of \$64, the Junior Class won the third prize of \$48, and the Freshman Class won the fourth prize of \$32. The Student Council is promoting the worthy use of leisure time by sponsoring the following excellent films to be shown to the entire school: "All American Co-ed", "Wee Willie Winkie", "Wintertime", "MacBeth", and "Alexander's Rag Time Band".

The High School Athletic Association met and elected Alan Foresman president. The enthusiasm of the students to support their athletic program was well demonstrated by the sale of \$1105 worth of magazine subscriptions. The Emerson Radio and Bulova watch, which were offered as prizes in the magazine drive, were won by Faith Evans and Herbert Joki, respectively. The Athletic Association sponsored the climb up Mt. Monadnock October 12th. The boys' basketball team, coached by Waino Pernaa, and the girls' basketball team, coached by Bertha Johnson, are playing a schedule of 18 Wachusett League Games and 5 non-league games. A junior boys group works out with Paul Foresman every Wednesday afternoon. The five cheer leaders wearing blue and gold uniforms are a very favorable innova-

tion. For those who are sports-minded but who are unable to participate, a spectators' bus is provided. These additional activities of the Athletic Association have gone a long way toward increasing the spirit of the school.

The Washington trip taken by the graduating class each Spring, has become a tradition in the school. It is the goal of every entering class to accumulate sufficient funds during the four years of high school to cover the expenses of the trip. Such a major venture is impossible without a great number of money making activities. The whole hearted support of these activities by the towns' people is a lasting example of their sincere belief in the youth of Ashby and the part they will play in a living Democracy.

In closing, I wish to thank you, the School Committee, the Faculty, and the Parents for the splendid cooperation I have received during 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER R. ALDRICH, Principal.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional—Organ	Mrs. Edward Piper
Salute to the Flag	Led by Kenneth Lahtinen
Star Spangled Banner	Audience, Glee Club, Senior Class
Invocation	Rev. William B. Howenstine
Salutatory Essay—Our Town	John Rajala
Song—Glee Club—"Cherry Song"	Slater
The Class History	Margaret Moore
The Washington Trip	Iris Boudreau
The Class Motto	Edwin Lammi
The Class Poem	Sally Haapala
Song—Glee Club—"Morning"	Speaks
J. Robert Oppenheimer—Atomic Scientist	Richard Tukianen
The Class Will	Dana Davis
The Class Prophecy	Eleanor Bernhardt
The Class Gifts	Frederick Evans—William Teto
Song—Glee Club—"The Gypsy Trail"	Galloway
Valedictory Essay—World Federation	Ruth Gilbert
Presentation of Awards	Principal Walter A. Luce
Conferring of Diplomas	Edwin J. Lyman,
	Chairman of the School Committee
Benediction	Rev. William B. Howenstine
Recessional	Mrs. Edward Piper

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1948

Eleanor Irene Bernhardt
Iris Yvonne Boudreau
A. Dana Davis
Frederick William Evans
*Ruth Georgia Gilbert, Secretary
Sally Viola Haapala
Edwin R. Lammi
Margaret Louise Moore, Treasurer

*John E. Rajala, President
William H. Teto
Richard Martin Tukianen, Vice-President

* Denotes Honor Students

Class Motto: "The Surest Way Not To Fail Is To Determine To Succeed"

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Green and White

Class Marshal: Alan Foresman

Color Bearer: Kenneth Lahtinen

THE CLASS POEM

Now our High School days are over,
But the memory will abide.
It will live with us forever,
Though we travel far and wide.

As we journey ever onward,
God will guide us on our way
Through our new and strange endeavors
In life's hard and bitter fray.

Though our path has rocks of danger
We will try to see it through.
We will strive to make our progress
Good, in everything we do.

We will follow our class motto
In the future life we lead:
That our way lead not to failure,
We'll determine to succeed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1948

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SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1949

	Appropriation 1948	Spent 1948	Budget 1949
School Committee and Census	175.00	174.00	200.00
Salary, Supt. and Att. Off.	900.00	855.00	900.00
Expenses, Supt. and Att. Off.	380.00	397.31	400.00
Teachers and Supervisors	20,500.00	20,336.21	24,000.00
Books and Supplies	1,400.00	1,739.52	2,000.00
Janitor	2,000.00	1,923.62	2,000.00
Fuel	1,200.00	1,452.32	1,300.00
Misc. Operating	800.00	737.68	800.00
Repairs	1,600.00	1,296.67	1,600.00
Health	600.00	599.65	600.00
Transportation	6,445.00	6,365.10	7,500.00
New Equipment	500.00	519.27	500.00
Misc. Expense	100.00	94.29	300.00
	<u>\$36,600.00</u>		<u>\$42,100.00</u>
Estimated from Invested Funds and Dog Tax	1,100.00		900.00
Appropriation	<u>\$35,500.00</u>		<u>\$41,200.00</u>
1948 Receipts—Invested Funds and Dog Tax	992.03		
Total	\$36,492.03	\$36,490.64	
December 31, 1948 Balance		1.39	
		<u>\$36,492.03</u>	

Receipts Accredited to Schools

	1948	Estimated 1949
Massachusetts School Fund, Part I	\$2,200.00	

	Part II	4,307.56	
High School Grant, 1948		915.00	
			\$11,000
Superintendent's Salary and Expense		386.67	400
Transportation		4,793.60	6,000
Dog Tax		372.99	300
Invested Funds		619.04	600
Total Receipts		\$13,594.86	\$18,300
Net Cost to Town by local Taxation		22,895.78	23,800

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1948

	Elem.	High	Total
Number of pupils enrolled	167	49	216
Average Daily Attendance	153	43	196
Average Membership	164	46	210
Number of Teachers	5	4	9
Cost per pupil	\$137.67	\$267.43	\$166.09

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

Population of town, census of 1945	1,110
State valuation of town, 1946	\$1,386,550.00
Valuation per capita	\$1,249.00
Expenditures for schools from all sources	\$36,074.42
Average membership—Year 1948	220
Cost per pupil	\$163.97
School Department Receipts less dog tax	\$13,221.87
Net Expenditures for schools from local taxation	\$22,852.55
Cost per pupil in average membership from local taxation	\$103.88

SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1, 1948

I Registration of Minors	Boys	Girls	Total
5-7 Years of age	22	28	50
7-16 Years of age	96	83	179
Totals	118	111	229

II. Distribution of Minors	5-7	7-16	Total
In Ashby public schools	35	176	211
In Private Schools	3	3	6
Not enrolled in any school	12	0	12
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Totals	50	179	229

TEACHERS FOR THE YEAR 1948—1949

Teachers	Subject or Grade	Training	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Lester R. Aldrich	Principal, Math and Science	Fitchburg STC, 1940	7	3200
Willis V. E. Gray	Science and Social Studies	Bowdoin College, 1947	0	2000
Vivi Ann Contos	Science and Social Studies	Regis College, 1948	0	Temporary
Gwladys J. Miller	Commercial Subjects & Social Studies	Bucknell Univ., 1943	6	2100
Dorothy T. Wilder	English, Latin, History	Boston Univ., 1921	27	2300
Alice A. Ouellette	French, J. H. Math and English	Plymouth STC, 1936	9	2100
Doris Y. Abbott	Grade V and VI	Keene & Fitchburg STC	10	2000
Myra M. Bonitz	Grade IV	Fitchburg STC	9	1900
Josephine M. Bowen	Grade III	Framingham STC	3	1900
Pauline Curran	Grade II	Fitchburg STC, 1945	10	1900
Bertha D. Johnson	Grade I, Girls' Basketball	Fitchburg STC, 1948	0	1800
Elizabeth S. White	Music	Boston Con. of Music	7	360 (1 day)
Irma H. Ojala	Arts and Crafts	Boston School of P. A. 1948	0	720 (2 days)
Waino Pernaa	Boys' Basketball			200
W. L. Rinehart	Penmanship Supervisor			175

ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 3, 1949

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII Totals
Boys	14	14	11	18	5	12	12	9	9	7	7	7
Girls	18	10	13	13	7	7	10	10	5	5	5	5
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32	24	24	24	31	12	19	22	19	14	12	12	233

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Account	Income	Expense	Appropriation	Balance
Dog Tax	372.99(1)			
Gates Fund	564.29			
Taylor Fund	39.70			
Foster Fund	15.05			
Subtotal of Funds	<u>619.04</u>			
School (Main Account)		36,490.64	35,500.00(2)	1.39
Mass. School Fund—Part I	4,307.56			
Mass. School Fund—Part II	2,200.00			
High School Grant	866.66(3)			
High School Supt.	386.67			
Transportation	4,793.60			
School Drainage (Special)		575.81	2,500.00	1,924.19
Trade School	108.20(4)	109.26(5)		

Cost to Town \$23,526.22(6).

- (1) State paid in error \$587.88. Returned \$214.89, giving balance of \$372.99.
- (2) Plus Dog Tax (\$372.99) and income from invested funds (\$619.04). Total. Funds available for school of \$36,492.03.
- (3) From State (for 1947). Accts. Rec. (for 1948) \$915.00.
- (4) State reimbursement (applicable to 1947 expense).
- (5) Accounts receivable from State (50% reimbursement) \$54.63.
- (6) Differs from cost given in Supt's report as above figure includes school drainage and Trade School expenses.

Auditors Report

The Auditors report includes the following:

- 1) A listing of General Revenue items (given below). This covers all income not given in the departmental reports.
- 2) A Departmental Income and Expense Summary (In Financial Section).
- 3) An Expense Summary Chart (In Financial Section).
- 4) A "Tax Dollar" Chart (In Financial Section).
- 5) A Statement of Assets and Liabilities (In Financial Section).

I have examined the books of the various town accounts and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have found them to be correct.

GENERAL REVENUE (1)

Account	Income
Licenses (Inc. Police Fees)	\$107.50
Gas Sale Permits	5.50
Rental of Town Equipment	7.20
Court Fines	102.00
Gas Tax Refund (from State)	52.47
Tailings (Old Check Cancellations)	222.38
Sale of Fire Truck	120.00
Interest on U. S. War Bond (Road Oil)	37.50(2)
Sale of Fire Dept. Sump Pump	1.00
Loss of Taxes (from State)	301.48
Interest on Town Farm Fund	194.98
Public Service (from State)	332.63
Income Tax (from State)	4,252.56(3)
Corporation Tax (from State)	3,596.57
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.70

Tax Collections

69,175.06(4)

Total

\$78,519.53

Total available for Allocation to Departments \$9,306.97(5).
(See Financial Summary Section).

(1) As used here General Revenue is Income not related to any specific dept.

(2) Restricted Income.

(3) Total received from State Income Tax Distribution was \$11,246.16. Of this \$2200 applies to School as Part I of School Fund and \$4,793.60 as School Transportation Reimbursement. The balance as given above is General Revenue.

(4) Receipts by Treasurer from Tax Collector.

(5) Total less Tax Collections and War Bond Interest.

FLOYD C. PICKETT,

Town Auditor.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners are responsible for the administration of affairs effecting the Town's Cemeteries and for maintaining the permanent records of lot ownership. Three cemeteries are maintained: (1) First Parrish, (2) West and (3) Glenwood.

In the West Cemetery there are approximately 15 lots yet for sale and in the Glenwood Cemetery about 25. No lots are available in the First Parrish Cemetery. The forty lots available should take care of the town needs for several years.

As cemetery lots are sold (priced at \$10 to \$40 depending upon size and location), the Town Treasurer deposits the amount received in a savings bank account known as the "Cemetery Lots Fund". The deposits and the interest thereon are left to accumulate to provide funds for either the purchase of additional land or for permanent improvements. Expenditures from this fund can be made only by Town Meeting action.

When an individual purchases a lot, he may (except on the large lots in which case he must) make arrangements for perpetual care. To do this he pays the Town Treasurer an amount ranging from \$50 to \$150 (depending upon size of lot). Each payment is deposited in a separate individual savings bank account known as the "Perpetual Care Trust Fund of _____". The interest received from each account is used to provide the care for the lot of that particular individual. Interest is withdrawn by the Treasurer at the request of the Commissioners. All interest is not necessarily withdrawn each year. This year we grouped a portion of the interest from several accounts for the purchase of a new power lawn mower, which would of course be used on all lots.

Since the income of the Perpetual Care Trust Funds is used only on the care of lots, it is necessary for the Town to provide funds for the care of driveways, walkways, fences, and lots not yet sold. In addition, the town, by law, is required to care for

neglected lots of soldiers. To cover these expenses, a Town appropriation known as "General Care" is needed.

In the past, the Town has raised and appropriated funds "to bury the dead". This was to pay the expense of digging the graves. Years ago this was, no doubt, considered as a respectable gesture to the family of the deceased; however, in recent years, the fee for the services provided by an undertaker includes the expense of digging the grave. The town's action in paying for burial does not decrease the cost to the deceased's family. It is therefore recommended that the Town discontinue the practice of raising and appropriating funds for this purpose.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—CEMETERIES

	Income	Expense	Approp.	Balance
General Care				
Burial		248.52(1)	250.00	1.48
Perpetual Care of Lots	601.76(3)	194.50(2)	125.00	69.50(1)
Sale of New Lots	104.00(5)	601.76(4)		
New Trust Funds for Perpetual Care	950.00(5)	104.00(6)		
Totals	1,655.76	950.00(6)		
Cost to Town \$443.02.		2,098.78		

(1) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	\$176.80
Repairs	35.54
Supplies	38.48
Total	<u>248.52</u>

(4) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	334.68
Power Mower	260.00
Miscellaneous	7.08
Total	<u>601.76</u>

(2) All Labor.

(5) Receipts by Treasurer

(3) Withdrawn Interest.

(6) Bank Deposits by Treasurer

WILLIAM S. GREEN,
Chairman of Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Library Trustees

The library is making a steady gain toward being a more vital factor in the life of the town.

Mrs Thatcher, the librarian, is working with the teachers of the Lyman School in bringing a wide range of books within the reach of each pupil. By having regular weekly story hours at the library, each child in the first six grades is becoming personally acquainted with the library. As a follow up, books are sent to each room after the story hour is over and are kept there until the next time they visit the library. Children who live in outlying districts and cannot readily avail themselves of library privileges, borrow books in this way through the school.

The large showcases in the rear of the library are being used from time to time by different school groups to exhibit work which they have done.

This work with the school children has resulted in a definite increase in the circulation of juvenile books and shows a trend toward better selection of books within their reading comprehension.

A record has been kept of juvenile and adult circulation during 1948 to enable the librarian to determine the percentage of outgoing books in each category. The children's circulation was 4007 as compared with the adult circulation of 4211.

These figures prove to us that there is a definite need for building up new literature and replacing old type and outdated reference books in order to keep up with the demand in this department. Ways and means are being considered by which the library may do this. During the past year, 250 books were borrowed from the Division of Public Libraries in Boston to supplement our inadequate supply of juveniles. In addition 20 books were borrowed through the Division and the Inter-Library Loan for a church group reading project carried on by the Congregational Church Women.

In the adult department every effort is made to secure the best in fiction and non-fiction. A new 1949 Hammond Atlas has been ordered to replace our present 1900 Rand McNally Atlas. Supplemental maps and data will be sent to keep the Atlas up to date as the information becomes available.

The following figures should prove interesting:

	1947	1948
Total Circulation	6647	8218
New Books Bought	327	535
Books Borrowed from Boston	104	250

The only improvement made in the library this year has been the addition of new book stacks which should supply our needs for some time to come.

The furnace pipes were cleaned in the fall and this eliminated much of the smoke nuisance and the immediate necessity of buying a new furnace this year. Some minor repairs are needed on the pipes and on one of the furnaces in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BROOKS,

Financial Secretary.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—LIBRARY

	Income	Expense	Appropriation	Balance
Fines	72.00			
Haskell Fund	157.70			
Farr Fund	12.05			
Hayward Fund	7.52			
Mayo Fund	7.52			
Expenses (Town Account)		1,456.79	1,200.00(1)	
Marston Fund (General) (2)	136.89	115.17		
Marston Fund (Educational) (3)	273.78			
Library Furnace (Special)		400.00		400.00
Total (Excluding Marston Funds)	256.79	1,456.79		
Cost to Town		1,200.00		

(1) Town appropriation of \$1,200 is supplemented by fines (\$72.00) and income from invested funds (\$184.79) giving total funds available of \$1,456.79 on Town Account.

(2) Marston Fund (General)		(3) Marston Fund (Educational)	
Balance January 1, 1948	273.07	Balance January 1, 1948	1,822.58
Income	136.89	Income	273.78
Total	409.96	Total	2,096.36
Expenses	115.17	Expenses	0
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	294.79	Balance Dec. 31, 1948	2,096.36

Report of Nashoba Health Unit

Board of Health
Ashby, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, Agents for the Board of Health of Ashby, herewith transmit the annual report covering the activities of the year 1948.

Well Child Conferences were held every month. Dr. Charles T. Porter gave the children a thorough physical examination and referred those needing treatment to the family physician. Starting in October, children were also immunized at these clinics. Your community nurse, Mrs. Alice Seymour, did a fine job in conducting these conferences.

Triple vaccine, a protection against whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria, was offered to all children between the ages of four months and two years. It was limited to this age group because whooping cough is not as serious a threat to life once the second birthday is passed. Dr. Stanton Hardy of Lederle Laboratories donated triple vaccine to the Nashoba Health Unit in appreciation of cancer research done by the medical director at the Harvard Medical School last year. It will be available this year as well.

One of the visible services of the Unit is of an environmental nature. The milk and sanitary inspector has not only immediately investigated all reported nuisances, but has also inspected milk, food and water supplies for your safety and health.

Three visits to milk plants were made and twenty-seven milk samples were collected and tested for bacterial count and butter fat content at the Unit's Laboratory. Four milk licenses were issued. Three camps were inspected and licensed during the summer. The school was also inspected for environmental sanitation. Seventeen private water supplies were examined and the water tested.

Three persons from Ashby were X-rayed at the tuberculosis clinic held at the Nashoba Health Center every other month.

The director of nursing has discussed various problem cases with your community nurse and demonstrated the use of the vision testing machine at a Parent-Teacher's meeting.

The following cases of communicable diseases were reported for the year:

Whooping Cough	3
Mumps	1
Scarlet Fever	1

All members of the staff have also devoted some of their time in promoting the growth of Nashoba telling people how co-operation pays dividends in good health, and in encouraging some of the adjoining towns to join the Unit. For more efficient and economic health services, a larger population should be served by the Unit staff.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY COBB, M. D.

Director.

Report of Inspector of Meats and Provisions

To the Board of Health of the Town of Ashby.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my annual report of slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The following gives in statistical form the amount of work done by me at the licensed slaughter house:

Beef	58
Veal	283
Hogs	299
Sheep	40

Number condemned: 1 beef.

Inspection at farms: 2.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. WRIGHT,

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

Report of Inspector of Animals

To the Board of Health of the Town of Ashby.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1948.

All premises where neat cattle, sheep, goats, horses and swine are kept were inspected by me during the year.

No reactors were found.

The following table gives in statistical form the amount of work done.

Dog bites investigated	3
Barns and premises	85
Inspections other than annual	2
Total	90

The total number of livestock owned within the town:

Grade cows	318	Horses	20
Grade heifers	160	Goats	15
Grade bulls	18	Sheep	33
Pure bred cows	7	Swine	106
Pure bred heifers	8	Steers	2
Pure bred bulls	2		

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. WRIGHT,

Inspector of Animals.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—HEALTH

	Income	Expense	Approp.	Balance
Health		1,237.47(1)	1,300.00	33 62.53
Middlesex Co. TB Hospital		331.46	331.46	
Nashoba Health Unit		307.80	307.80	
Slaughtering Fees	96.55(2)			
Livestock Disease Control	30.00(3)			
Dog Officer		32.58(4)	50.00	17.42
Total	126.55	1,909.31		
Cost to Town		1,782.76		

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(1) Expense Details	(2) A related general revenue item.
Insp. of Animals	
Insp. of Slaughtering	
Nursing Service	
Supplies	
Town Dump	
Miscellaneous	
Total	27.00
* Accts. Rec. from State \$51.53	5.58
	32.58

Highway Report

To the Selectmen and Voters of the Town:

I submit the following report as road superintendent for 1948.

On the State Department books Jan. 1, 1948 the road mileage of this town was bituminous surface 28.87, dirt road 28.95. About 6.5 miles of this total is completed Chap. 90 road.

During the year we gained .4 miles of Chap. 90 and .9 miles of Chap. .81 road of bituminous surface. We cut back the corner at the intersection of Turnpike and Greenville roads to help eliminate that driving hazard. We widened and oiled Bernhardt road near Trap Falls to make it possible to keep it in shape for Winter driving. On both of these jobs the trucking was mostly privately taken care of.

We improved drainage problems on Turnpike and Locke roads by putting in stone side drains, at the same time utilizing stone picked up on stony sections of road and at the intersection of Mason and Locke roads which we levelled off.

It is necessary to surface treat most of our black roads at least once in three years. At present costs this runs to about \$600 per mile. Last year we treated some 11.3 miles.

Under highways and bridges we rebuilt the bridge over Locke brook on Mason Road and sealed it with hot asphalt. We also cleaned the dirt from all the planked bridges.

A petition has been presented to the State Highway Dept. applying for the rebuilding of the Greenville road under Federal Aid to Secondary roads.

Next year should clean up the Chap. 90 construction on the Rindge Rd. and if the town wants to go on building Chap. 90 roads some discussion of which road is next in line might be a good plan.

The following comments may be helpful in understanding the various highway activities and financial accounts.

Three classes of roads exist in town:

a) **State Highways**—Route 119.

The town has no responsibility insofar as the State highways are concerned. Construction, maintenance, and snow removal are all handled by the State.

b) **Chap. 90 Highways**—Specific “project” roads approved by the state and county. In selecting these projects consideration is given to the importance of a road in handling traffic between towns. Our Chap. 90 roads are Greenville Rd. (complete), New Ipswich Rd. (2 years work yet) and Rindge Rd. (one year of work yet).

c) **Chap. 81 Highways**—All roads that do not fall in the above two classifications.

Chapter 90 construction is handled on a share basis — town one-fifth, county two-fifths, and state two-fifths. Since these roads are for handling relatively heavy traffic, construction must be good and the county and state demand that it conforms to their specifications. To do so it is usually necessary to rip up the old road to lay a deeper foundation and to provide adequate drainage.

Chapter 90 maintainance covers the maintainance of roads constructed as Chap. 90 projects. This expense is borne in shares —town one-third, county one-third, and state one-third.

Chapter 81 work is basically maintainance work on Chapter 81 Highways. It is handled by town and state funds (no county funds) and is calculated on a per mile allowance. Based on our 58 miles of road, the 1948 funds were made up as follows:

Town—58 miles x \$50/mile =	\$2,900
State—58 miles x \$225/mile =	13,050
Total	<hr/> \$15,950

Under the Chapter 81 program, existing oiled roads are resurfaced as necessary, gravel roads are regraveled and graded as needed, weeds and brush are kept out back, and culverts and ditches are kept open. In addition and assuming that some funds are available for more than the required maintainance work outlined above, it is the intention to extend the oiled surface roads a little each year.

In addition to the Chap. 81 funds, the town has for several years been raising and appropriating an additional \$1500 in the "Special Road Oil" account. These funds were originally intended to allow for the oiling of hills where trouble had been experienced with gravel washing out. The bad hills have been pretty well taken care of, however, it is recommended that the \$1500 per year be continued to allow greater extensions in the oiling of gravel roads (not necessarily hills) than would be possible with just Chap. 81 funds. A new title, **Chap. 81 supplement** is suggested for this account, as it is more indicative of the nature of the work.

The **Highways and Bridges Account** covers general maintenance of bridges and the highway approaches to them.

The **Machine Expense Account** covers the repair and maintenance of town owned road machinery.

The **Machinery Rental Account** is one set up to receive the "rent" charged for the use of town owned equipment on Chap. 81 and Chap. 90 work. By setting aside these charges, depreciation on the equipment is recognized and provided for. The income in this account builds up a reserve fund that can be made available for the purchase of new road machinery. Such action is accomplished by voting at a town meeting to transfer funds from the Machinery Rental Account to the **Machinery Purchase Account**, from which such expenditures can be made.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—HIGHWAYS

	Income	Expense	Approp.	Balance
Chap. 81 (1947 Program)	5,011.67(1)	64.00		
Chap. 90 Cons. (1947—Rindge Rd.)	5,998.70(2)	49.24		
Chap. 90 Cons. (1947—New Ipswich Rd.)	5,997.14(3)	153.96		
Chap. 90 Main. (1947 Program)	1,000.00(4)			
Chap. 81 (1948 Program) (5)	11,741.00	15,949.92	2,900.00	.08
Chap. 90 Cons. (1948—Rindge Rd.) (6)		5,000.20	1,000.00	.20*
Chap. 90 Cons. (1948—New Ipswich Rd.) (7)		7,500.13	1,500.00	.13*
Chap. 90 Main. (1948 Program) (8)		1,500.00	500.00	
Special Road Oil		1,499.86	1,500.00	.14
Highways and Bridges		497.22	500.00	2.78
Special Bridges		30.00	1,291.99(9)	1,261.99
Street Lights		738.72	728.00	10.72*
Snow Removal		12,969.62	13,000.00	30.38
Snow Fence		297.50	300.00	2.50
Machine Expense		897.47	900.00	2.53
Machinery Rental	578.45(10)			
Machinery Purchase	485.00(11)			
Highway Shed				
Cost to Town—Highways			1,000.00	
—Snow removal (inc. snow fence)				
				9,563.60
				13,267.12
				<u>\$22,830.72</u>

Total

- (1) From State—1947 Program closed out.
- (2) From State \$2,999.35 and County \$2,999.35—1947 Program closed out.
- (3) From State \$2,998.57 and County \$2,998.57—1947 Program closed out.
- (4) From State \$500.00 and County \$500.00—1947 Program closed out.

(5) Accts. Receivable from State—\$1,308.92.			
(6) Accounts receivable—County \$2,000 and State \$2,000.			
(7) Accounts receivable—County \$3,000 and State \$3,000.			
(8) Accounts receivable—County \$500 and State \$500.			
(9) Balance in old appropriations for Locke Road.			
(10) Machinery Rentals:			
Balance January 1, 1948	4,205.22	(11) Includes sale of used tractor @ 260.00	
Added	578.45	and used Grader @ \$225.00	
Total	<u>4,783.67</u>	Balance January 1, 1948	1.15
Transfers (mach. pur.)		Added	<u>485.00</u>
Bal. Dec. 31, 1948	<u>4,783.67</u>	Total	<u>486.15</u>
* Overdrafts		Expended	
		Balance December 31, 1948	486.15

DETAILS OF EXPENSES

Chap. 90 Con.—New Ipswich Rd.

Roland Simonds, superintendent	\$447.70
Charles Aldrich, labor	27.20
Merrick Pillsbury, labor	308.25
Rudolph Salo, labor	107.95
William Nattila, labor	140.25
George Gooley, labor	109.65
William Underhill, labor	89.25
Paul Bernhardt, labor	37.40
Dwight Bond, labor	90.10
Howard Damon, labor	78.20
Raymond Wilkinson, labor	124.95
John Flinkstrom, labor	35.70
Roland Simonds, car exp.	61.05
Roland Simonds, truck	618.00
Alvah Stacy, truck	156.20
Charles Erickson, truck	96.00
Franklin Ingerson, truck	444.00
Franklin Ingerson, tractor	159.00
Walter Phinney, truck	407.25
Walter Simonds, truck	423.00
Walter Simonds, shovel	1,778.00
Roy Elliott, dozer	266.00
E. W. Systrom, roller	112.00
Mach. Rental, grader	84.00
Barney Wilson, gravel	13.50
John Flinkstrom, gravel	169.30
Howard Damon	167.10
Ida Nivala, gravel	56.70
W. J. Bedard, cement	10.50
United Co-op Farmers, cement	31.50
H. H. McGuire & Co., road oil	216.95
Berger Culvert Co., culvert	533.48
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	7,500.13

Chapter 90 Construction, Rindge Rd.

Roland Simonds, superintendent	246.40
Merrick Pillsbury, labor	88.40
Rudolph Salo, labor	110.50

Earl Hardy, labor	51.00
William Underhill, labor	44.20
George Gooley, labor	64.60
William Nattila, labor	95.20
Raymond Wilkinson, labor	6.80
Paul Bernhardt, labor	127.50
Charles Aldrich, labor	175.10
Ralph Varney, labor	52.70
Howard Damon, labor	10.20
Roland Simonds, car exp.	33.60
Roland Simonds, truck	342.00
Walter Phinney, truck	139.50
Alvah Stacy, truck	129.80
Charles Erickson, truck	16.00
Franklin Ingerson, truck	141.00
Franklin Ingerson, tractor	129.50
Walter Simonds, shovel	980.00
E. W. Systrom, roller	112.00
Mach. Rental, grader	42.00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culvert	828.10
Hume Pipe Co., concrete pipe	405.83
H. H. McGuire Co., road oil	381.47
United Co-op Farmers, cement	31.50
Roland Simonds, boards	15.00
Laura Pillsbury, gravel	7.60
Myron Harris, gravel	9.40
Ida Nivala, gravel	183.30
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	5,000.20

Roads, Chapter 81

Roland Simonds, superintendent	1,094.50
George Gooley, labor	553.85
Charles Aldrich, labor	673.95
Walfred Hill, labor	448.65
Henry Johnson, labor	51.00
Raymond Wilkinson, labor	362.10
Merrick Pillsbury, labor	775.20
Paul Bernhardt, labor	521.05
William Nattila, labor	588.20
Rudolph Salo, labor	453.05
William Underhill, labor	628.45

Earl Hardy, labor	326.40
John Flinkstrom, labor	85.00
Howard Damon, labor	64.60
Ralph Varney, labor	10.20
Roland Simonds, car exp.	149.25
Roland Simonds, truck	710.50
Sulo Mickola, truck	90.39
Henry Johnson, truck	129.70
Alvah Stacy, truck	662.40
Charles Erikson, truck	615.00
Franklin Ingerson, truck	538.80
Franklin Ingerson, tractor	199.00
Eino Pernaa, tractor	84.00
Eino Pernaa, chain, saw and truck	30.30
Phinney Bros., truck	405.00
Phinney Bros., tractor	118.00
Walter Simonds, truck	75.00
Walter Simonds, shovel	2,289.00
Sulo Mickola, mower	480.00
E. W. Systrom, roller	40.00
Machine Rentals	452.45
D. B. Robinson, sand	58.00
Laura Pillsbury, sand	49.80
Files and O'Keefe, paint	49.50
David Damon, cement	3.15
H. H. McGuire Co., road oil	1,680.27
Irving French, gravel	35.80
Emil Malcy, gravel	30.10
Myron Harris, gravel	62.30
Louis Sears, sand	37.80
Berger Culvert Co., culvert	240.30
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	15,949.92

Highways and Bridges

Roland Simonds, superintendent	36.30
Charles Aldrich, labor	28.05
Merrick Pillsbury, labor	6.80
Paul Bernhardt, labor	28.05
George Gooley, labor	21.25
Earl Hardy, labor	21.25
William Underhill, labor	28.05

William Nattila, labor	28.05
Rudolph Salo, labor	6.80
Roland Simonds, car exp.	4.95
Roland Simonds, truck	46.95
H. I. Pitman, plank	121.50
Clark Lumber Co., plank	111.06
Fitchburg Hardware, spikes	8.16
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	497.22

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Koppers Co., Inc., road oil	1,051.64
H. H. McGuire Co., road oil	448.36
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	1,500.00

Special Road Oil Appropriation

Koppers Co., Inc., road oil	216.09
H. H. McGuire Co., road oil	1,247.37
Louis Sears, sand	31.20
D. B. Robinson, sand	5.20
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	1,499.86

Special Bridge Appropriation

Roland Simonds, lumber	30.00
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Special Snow Fence

Files and O'Keefe	297.50
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Snow Removal

Walter Johnson, superintendent	507.00
Roland Simonds, superintendent	254.10
George Gooley, labor	525.65
Walfred Hill, labor	432.35
William Nattila, labor	340.45
Charles Aldrich, labor	406.80
Albert Damon, labor	36.00
Henry Johnson, labor	145.20

Merrick Pillsbury, labor	97.85
Rudolph Salo, labor	56.95
Raymond Wilkinson, labor	73.95
Walter Johnson, car exp.	68.14
Roland Simonds, car exp.	34.65
Roland Simonds, snow truck	160.60
Henry Johnson, snow truck	924.00
Alvah Stacy, snow truck	829.00
Sulo Mickola, snow truck	504.60
Jewell Hill Farms, snow truck	778.50
Franklin Ingerson, snow truck	77.75
Irving Davis, snow truck	246.00
Walter Simonds, snow truck	84.00
Jewell Hill Farms, tractor plow	787.50
Eino Pernaa, tractor plow	160.00
Raymond Heywood, tractor plow	596.00
Franklin Ingerson, tractor plow	1,047.76
Phinney Bros., snow truck	63.00
Walter Simonds, shovel	406.00
Labor under No. 25	124.12
Patari Oil Co., range oil	6.60
Walnut Garage, repairs and parts	22.85
W. J. Bedard, supplies	5.40
Uuno's Garage, repairs and parts	24.12
Bachelder Bailey, tires and chains	99.72
Hope Rubber Co., belts	7.05
E. W. Systrom Co., grader parts and plow blades	283.20
Charles N. Wood Co., plow blades	46.30
Fitchburg Hardware, supplies	27.62
Wilson Oil Co., gas and oil	754.74
Laitala's Garage, welding and material	267.16
Potter Grain Co., salt	447.76
Motor Parts Service, parts	52.81
Motor Tire Service, belts	2.82
Erickson's Garage, repairs and parts	195.46
A. B. & C. Trans. Co., cartage	7.92
H. F. Graves, welding mat.	32.25
R. C. Hazelton, push rods	49.00
N. E. Truck Co., radiator repairs	23.25
Walter Simonds, welding	147.20
United Co-op Farmers, supplies	19.71
Howard Damon, tire	8.00
Walter Johnson, tire	8.00

Fitchburg Auto Elec., services	19.59
Perkins Eaton Machine Co., tractor grousers, etc.	604.00
Community Service, anti-freeze	14.00
Arthur Crocker, forge work	4.75
Emil Elonen, sand	12.30
Griffin Oil Co., range oil	8.12

12,969.62

Machinery Expense Account

Patari Oil Co., fuel oil	7.00
Ralph Griffin, fuel oil	16.41
Files & O'Keefe Co., small tools	73.45
Holland Kenyon Co., shop work	6.00
W. J. Bedard, supplies	21.66
Wilson Oil Co., gas and oil	392.70
Railway Express, cartage	3.10
United Co-op Farmers, parts	60.09
E. W. Systrom, grader parts	21.26
Walnut Garage, repairs and parts	117.45
So. West Oil Co., tractor oil	148.33
Hope Rubber Co., belts	3.35
Sears Roebuck, battery	9.97
Fred Erickson, repairs	13.40
Fitchburg Hardware, bolts	1.80
Tauno Hagelberg, welding	1.50

897.47

Report of Police Department

The following tabulation lists the major activities of the Police Department during the past year:

Felony Cases

Breaking and entering	5 cases, 4 arrests
Houses entered	4 cases, 1 arrest
Hit and Run	3 cases, 1 arrest
Unnatural acts	2 cases, 1 arrest
Autos endangering	2 cases, 2 arrests
Drunkenness	2 cases, 2 arrests

Larceny Cases:

Property stolen \$1600. Recovered \$1200.
52 items involved (rings, watches, antiques, etc.)

Court Duty

Superior Court — 13 days.
Lower Court — 15 days.

Investigations

Total of 32 days.
Accidents involving property damage — 6 cases.

Miscellaneous:

Band Concert traffic duty.
Traffic patrol duty.
Duty at Fires 2 cases.
Summons' served — 8.
Auto violations reported to Registrar — 8.
Auto licenses suspended — 8.
Auto transfers — 82.
Revolver permits — 25.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income	Expense	Appropriation	Balance
Police (1)	1,596.44(2)	1,450.00	146.44(3)
Cost to Town	1,596.44		

(1) Patrol duty fees for dances included in "Licenses" under non-departmental income.

(2) Details of Expenses

General duty	\$1,303.31
Band concert duty	115.00
Telephone	6.40
Supplies	68.39
Miscellaneous	103.34
Total	<hr/> 1,596.44

(3) Overdraft.

HOWARD F. DAMON,

Chief of Police.

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ashby.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Warden.

Fire Departments have two essential functions, fire fighting and fire prevention.

I would like to bring to your attention some of the rules and regulations of the State department of public safety for keeping, storage and use of fuel oil or other inflammable liquid products used for fuel, enacted on June 3, 1947 and revised on May 24, 1948, G. L. Chap. 148.

“Rule 11, Certificate of competency—A person, firm or corporation shall not make nor alter a fuel oil burner installation



until a certificate of competency is obtained from the marshal. Such certificate shall be issued on the basis of the following:

(a) Previous experience in making installations or alterations of fuel oil burners; (b) Knowledge of and familiarity with the type of installation or alteration proposed; (c) facilities and equipment available for making such an installation; (d) confirmation, through endorsement, of reliability as to the purpose of such certificate.

Section 5. Fuel oil delivery (rules and regulations, Chap. 148, Sec. 10, as amended).

a) No fuel oil shall be delivered to any storage tank by means of a pump or under pressure in any case where a tight connection is made between the discharge line and the tank inlet, unless such storage tank is designed to withstand the additional stress to which it may be subjected, or unless the vent pipe for such tank is of sufficient size to relieve the tank of any undue pressure.

b) No fuel oil shall be delivered to any tank unless a permit as required by Section 3, Paragraph B of these rules and regulations is conspicuously displayed on the premises.

At this time I would like to thank the inhabitants of Ashby for calling my house for fire permits. I issued 675 fire permits for the year.

There will be a article in the Warrant in regard to the following law.

(CHAPTER 337)

An Act to provide for the furnishing of Gas Masks, so called, for the use of members of fire departments.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 48 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 51, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section: — Section 51A. Each city and town shall furnish, as hereinafter provided, gas masks, so called, for use by the members of its fire department when

they are required to enter any place where there may be an accumulation of noxious or toxic gases or in which the supply of oxygen may be insufficient to sustain human life. Such masks shall meet the requirements of the standards set up by the United States bureau of mines for masks used for the purposes enumerated in this section.

Except in cases in which it has been predetermined at the time of the alarm that the fire for which the alarm is given is a grass or rubbish fire or a fire in an automobile or other vehicle, which automobile or vehicle is not within or immediately adjacent to a building or structure, at least two such masks, in proper working condition, shall be part of the equipment of each motor vehicle, or other vehicle, which responds to a fire or alarm and carries equipment or apparatus for fighting fires.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine. Approved May 18, 1948.

There were 23 fires this past year an increase of four over 1947. The fires are classed as follows:

- 5—Buildings (12,300 loss.)
- 5—Chimney.
- 7—Brush (all small).
- 5—Still alarms (1 truck).
- 1—False alarm.

There were 9 water holes cleaned, 5 repaired, and 5 new water holes built.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Account	Income	Expenses	Approp.	Balance
Fire Dept.		1,779.91(1)	1,800.00	20.09
Forest Fire	50.00(2)	243.93(3)	250.00	6.07
Firemen's Salaries		175.00	175.00	
Fire House Addition (Special)		1,527.62	3,500.00	1,972.38
Water Holes (Special)		1,632.59(4)	2,000.00	367.41
Totals	50.00	5,359.05		

Cost to Town \$5,309.05.

(1) Detailed Expenses:

Salaries and labor	\$829.20
Gasoline	83.56
Telephone	57.00
Fuel	199.57
Repairs	138.58
Supplies	213.26
Electricity	89.26
Miscellaneous	169.48
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Total	1,779.91

(2) Gen. Revenue—State:

(3) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	\$88.40
Repairs	155.53
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Total	243.93

(4) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	\$331.60
Supplies	5.29
Gravel	75.70
Equip. rental	1,220.00
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Total	1,632.59

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ELLIOTT,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden.

Report of Board of Registrars

During the year the Board of Registrars has held eight sessions for the purpose of registering new voters and revising the voting list, one session for the purpose of certifying nomination papers of candidates for town offices and one session for a recount for the office of Senator from the 1st Middlesex Senatorial District.

Number of registered voters as of January 1, 1948	593
Number of registered voters added during the year	124
Number of registered voters removed	34
Total number of registered voters as of Dec. 31, 1948	684
Number of male voters	364
Number of female voters	320

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA E. FRENCH, Chairman

ARTHUR L. WASS, Clerk

CLARISSA C. LAWRENCE

GEORGE W. SEYMOUR

Note: Expenses of the Board of Registrars are listed under "General Government" in the Selectmen's Report.

Report of Election Officers

During the year the Election Officers have presided at four elections, first being the Annual Town Election of March 2, 1948. The polls being open from noon until 7:45 P. M. with but three hundred thirty-nine votes cast out of a total registration of six hundred thirty-five. About 47 per cent of the voters, or nearly one-half, stayed away from the polls.

At the Presidential Primary of April 27 only eight persons cast their votes out of a total registration of six hundred thirty-seven, and at the State Primary held September 14, but one hundred nine voted out of six hundred fifty-nine registered. This is not surprising as there is but very little interest shown in Primaries.

At the State Election of November 2, 1948 the polls were open from 10 A. M. until 8 P. M., and the voters made a very good showing, six hundred one voted out of a total registration of six hundred eighty-four. There were two blanks for President, fourteen blanks for Governor and nearly one hundred voters that did not vote and apparently were not interested on the question of alcoholic beverages.

Those who served as Election Officers during the year were duly sworn and were as follows: Arthur L. Wass, presiding officer, Roland F. Simonds, Frank M. Mills, William H. Partridge, Warren J. Bennett, Edward A. Piper, Lydia E. French, Clarissa C. Lawrence and Lucy M. Bingham.

In conclusion, I would say we are proud of our Town, of its splendid tradition, and the place it occupies in this Commonwealth, and firmly believe we should take more interest in our Town Elections, by going to the polls and voting for the candidates of our choice.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. WASS,

Town Clerk.

Note: Expenses of Election Officers are listed under "General Government" in the Selectmen's Report.

Miscellaneous Town Offices

There are several town offices that do not fall within the scope of the major departments. These offices are grouped in this section. Even though most of these do not prepare annual reports, it was felt that brief explanatory comments would be valuable. In the following material, where signed reports are not given, the comments are those of the editor.

The summary of income and expenses given at the end of this section covers all accounts not covered in the departmental reports.

DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION SERVICE

The Middlesex County Extension Service is a county organization maintained to serve the various towns of the county especially in the field of agriculture and home economics.

A Twilight Dairy Meeting held at Ashby Stock Farm and a winter meeting on "Better Milking" highlighted the dairy program in Ashby during the year 1948. The New England-wide "Green Pastures" Contest had one participant located in Ashby and also two progressive dairy farmers in the town availed themselves of the cow testing association. Twenty-one farmers were enrolled in the Middlesex County Selective Breeding Association, which has as its main purpose the making available to dairy farmers the service of superior sires.

A series of Food Buying lectures was presented in Ashby by the home demonstration agent of Middlesex County Extension Service. In this series, ways of keeping down the amount of money spent on food were explained and discussed, a problem which many homemakers face today. Mrs. George Seymour, town chairman for women's work helped in setting up a dress construction class. A leader from the town was trained by the agent and she returned to teach the women of the community. By this leader training method more women can be reached in more communities.

There were four 4-H clubs under the leadership of Mrs. Louis Sears, Mrs. Vernice Nevela, Mrs. Waino Pernaa, and Wallace Walker. 4-H club work was under the supervision of the Town Committee, of which Mrs. Alice Seymour was Chairman.

Robert Hargraves was recognized by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture on his excellent work in poultry. Donald Boudreau received a Bailey Medal on his fine work in gardening. Others who did outstanding work were Grace and Richard Hardy, Robert Kincaid, Ann Johnson, John Hargraves and George Thibault.

While Camp Middlesex in Ashby serves the entire county many in Ashby have availed themselves of the facilities of the camp. It should be added that the success of the camp has been due in no small degree to the splendid cooperation of the citizens of Ashby in its development and its various programs.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. SEYMOUR,

Director.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as sealer of weights and measures for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The Sealer of Weights and Measures would call attention to the provisions of Section 41, Chapter 98, of the General Laws, requiring him to give notice to all inhabitants or persons having usual places of business in Ashby, who use weights, measures and balances for the purpose of buying and selling goods, or any commodity, to bring their weights, measures, and balances to be sealed.

I have sealed 17 gasoline pumps, 11 various kinds of scales and 3 measures.

The buyer of a new scale should insist that every purchase should be perfect and should have it tested before being used. Every scale should be kept free of rust and dirt.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. WRIGHT,

Sealer of Weights and Measures
for Ashby.

Moderator

Presides at town meetings, appoints members of the Finance committee, and makes other appointments as may be called for at town meetings.

Constable

Posts town warrants and processes official papers.

Tree Warden

Consultant on all work effecting trees on town property (including those within highway limits).

Park Commissioners

Supervises use and maintenance of Allen Field and Town Common. Can organize recreational activities.

Town Counsel

Renders legal advice as needed by town officers.

Moth Superintendent

Supervises spraying and all town work in conjunction with

the State's moth control program. Town appropriation is based on the town's share (as determined by the state) of the statewide program.

Public Weighers

Appointed individuals authorized to make and certify weighings.

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Timber

Appointed individuals authorized to make and certify timber and lumber measurements.

Fence Viewers

Appointed individuals authorized to take action in disputes over fence locations and property boundaries.

Field Drivers

Individuals appointed to impound animals "trespassing" on a person's property.

Agent for Veterans Services

Individual appointed to serve as consultant to veterans. Recommends use of town funds (within appropriation) for assistance in cases where it is needed.

Agent for Veteran's Graves

Individual appointed to inspect veterans graves and see that they are cared for. Makes arrangement for burial in cases where adequate provision is not otherwise made.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE—MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Accounts	Income	Expense	Approp.	Balance
Band Concerts		500.00	500.00	
County Tax		2,328.92		
Dog Licenses (1)	582.20	651.80		
Extension Service		35.00	35.00	.36
Moth Control		554.26(2)	554.62	
Memorial Day		145.75	150.00	
Retirement System		179.00	179.00	77.32
Town Common Maintenance		72.68(3)	150.00	
Tax Refunds		242.38		
Veteran's Services		32.80	300.00	267.20
Building Committee		483.65		
State Audit		12.01		
State Parks		83.63		
Tree Warden			10.00	10.00

Total Expenses

5,321.88

Related income (4)

651.80

(1) Transfer of funds from town clerk through treasurer to County Treasurer. Expenses include forwarding of \$69.60 of 1947 funds carried in treasury at beginning of year.

(2) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	406.50
Use of Car	33.55
Supplies	108.06
Misc.	8.15
	<u>\$556.26</u>

(3) Detailed Expenses:

Labor	57.57
Trucking	8.00
Misc.	7.11
	<u>72.68</u>

(4) To relate income to expenses, the \$69.60 above must be considered here as 1948 income.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS

This section of the town report has been set up to summarize the town's financial data. This may prove helpful as it is usually difficult to interpret a mass of detailed data such as that given in the departmental reports.

In the following table the total expenses (col. 1) and the related income (col. 2) are listed for each department. By subtraction, the net expenses (col. 3) are found. General Revenue (income that is not related to any specific department), other than taxes, is then allocated (col. 4) to the departments in proportion to their net expenses. By further subtraction, the net expenses as carried by local taxation are obtained (col. 5).

Any method used in allocating General Revenue to the various departments is subject to dispute. The method used here, of making each department's share proportional to its net expenses, seems most reasonable to the editor.

DEPARTMENTAL INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

Department	Total Expenses	Related Income (1)	Net Expenses	Allocation of General Revenue	Net Expenses As Carried by Taxation	Percent of Total
School	37,175.71	13,649.49	23,526.22	2,996.84	20,529.38	32.2%
Snow removal	13,267.12		13,267.12	1,693.87	11,573.25	18.2%
Highways	33,880.72	24,317.12	9,563.60	1,219.21	8,344.39	13.1%
Gen. Gov't.	10,903.74	4,961.81	5,941.93	772.48	5,169.45	8.3%
Welfare	15,408.62	9,838.85	5,569.77	716.64	4,853.13	7.7%
Fire	5,359.05	50.00	5,309.05	679.41	4,629.64	7.3%
Misc.	5,321.88	651.80	4,670.08	595.65	4,074.43	6.4%
Health	1,909.31	126.55	1,782.76	223.37	1,559.39	2.4%
Police	1,596.44		1,596.44	204.75	1,391.69	2.2%
Library	1,571.96	371.96	1,200.00	148.91	1,051.09	1.6%
Cemetery	2,098.78	1,655.76	443.02	55.84	387.18	.6%
Totals	128,493.33(2)	55,623.34	72,869.99	9,306.97	63,563.02	100.0%

(1) Related incomes do not necessarily appear as segregated items in departmental reports as calculations taking "accounts receivable" into account are needed.

(2) Checks with total expenses given on warrants.

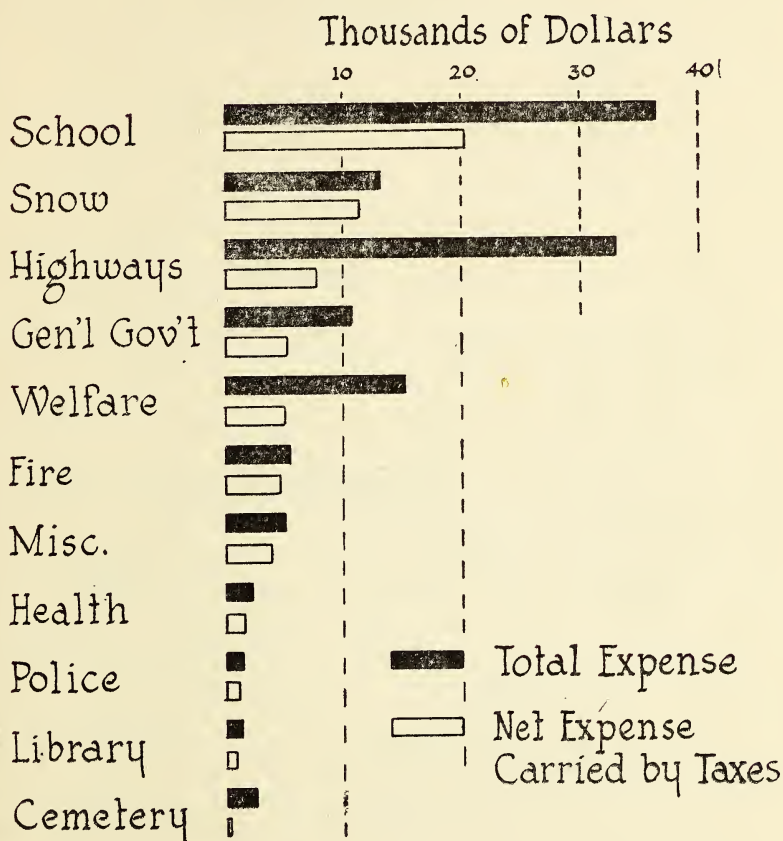
Total given above \$128,493.33
Dog tax refund (on warrant) 214.89

State deductions (not on warrants 128,708.22
95.64.

Total of Warrants \$128,612.58(2)

EXPENSES

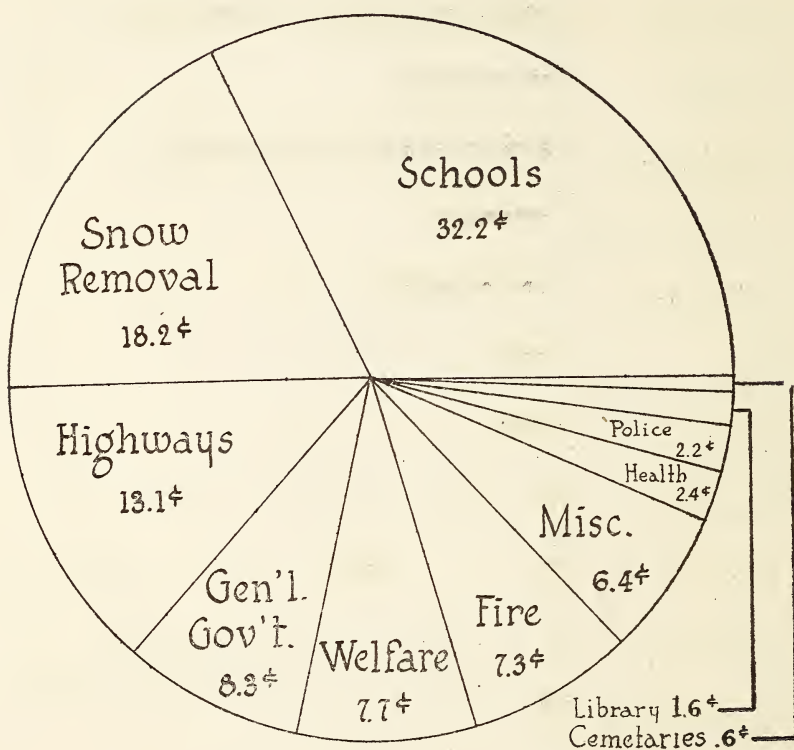
Summary Chart



Bar charts showing (1) total expenses and (2) expenses as carried by taxation for each department. The difference in the length of the bars (for any one department) illustrates the magnitude of the towns income from other than taxation (largely state and county reimbursement).

OUR TAX DOLLAR

Where it went in 1948



A "Pie" chart showing how the taxes were spent. Data is taken from column 5 of the Departmental Income and Expense Summary.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets (as of December 31, 1948)

A) Cash in Treasury		\$31,168.02
B) U. S. War Bond (Road Oil Bond)		1,500.00
C) Special Deposits (in separate bank accounts)		
Town Farm Fund	12,950.00	
Old Home Day Fund	538.76	
Grand Stand Insurance Fund	709.09	
Cemetery Lots Fund	1,189.27	
Total	<hr/>	15,387.12

D) Account Receivables (other than Taxes)

General Relief

State (Temporary Aid)	102.00	
Townsend	23.31	
Lynn	275.88	
Total	<hr/>	401.19

Aid to Dependent Children

State	242.14	
Federal	273.24	
Total	<hr/>	515.38

Old Age Assitance

State	621.22	
Federal	971.30	
Fitchburg	54.90	
Total	<hr/>	1,647.22

Highways

Chap. 90, Main.—State	500.00
Chap. 90, Main.—County	500.00
Chap. 81—State	1,308.92
Cap. 90, Con., Rindge Rd.—	
State	2,000.00
Chap. 90, Con., Rindge Rd.—	
County	2,000.00

Chap. 90, Con., New Ipswich		
Rd.—State	3,000.00	
Chap. 90, Con., New Ipswich		
Rd.—County	3,000.00	
Total	<u> </u>	12,308.92

Schools

1948 High School Grant	915.00	
Vocational Training	54.63	
Total	<u> </u>	969.63

Health

Insp. of Animals	51.53	
Total Accts. Receivable	<u> </u>	15,893.88

E) Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate & Personal Property	7,648.78	
Motor Excise	234.00	
Tax Titles	348.88	
Total	<u> </u>	8,231.66
Total Assets		<u>71,180.68</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities (1) (As of December 31, 1948)

A) Restricted Assets

1) Those existing as Treasurer's Cash Balance

Road Machinery Rentals Acct.	\$4,783.67
Road Machinery Purchase Acct.	486.15
U. S. War Bond Interest (Rd. Oil Bond)	150.00
Marston Library Fund	274.60
Marston Educational Fund	2,096.36
Assessor's Overlay Acct.	3,623.46
O. A. A., Federal	1,292.68
O. A. A., Adm. Federal	216.14
A. D. C., Federal	79.86
A. D. C., Adm., Federal	46.31

Special Appropriation Balances:

Library Furnace	400.00	
Library Repairs	249.55	
Locke Rd. Bridge	1,261.99	
Building Committee	439.95	
School House Drainage	1,924.19	
Engine House Addition	1,972.38	
Highway Shed	1,000.00	
School—Inside repairs	109.56	
Water Holes	367.41	
Police Signs	58.52	
Total of Approp. Bal.	<u>7,783.55</u>	
Total Restricted Cash		20,832.78

2) Those existing as Special Deposits

Same as on Assets side	15,387.12
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3) Those existing as Securities

U. S. War Bond (Road Oil Bond)	1,500.00
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4) Those existing as Accounts Receivable

Tax Titles (2)	348.88	
Motor Excise Taxes (2)	234.00	
Total	<u>582.88</u>	

Total Restricted Assets	38,302.78
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B) Surplus Assets (3)

Total Liabilities	<u>\$71,180.68</u>
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NOTES:

(1) It may be helpful to think of "Liabilities" as a tabulation which classifies the restrictions placed on assets. The assets that exist over and above the restricted ones are "surplus assets".

(2) Restricted only until collected.

(3) Not to be confused with "Free Cash". Free cash is total cash less restricted cash. This is calculated below:

Total cash	\$31,168.02
Less Restricted cash (from above)	<u>20,832.78</u>
Free Cash	10,335.24

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Accounts	Income	Expense	Approp.	Balance
Officers salaries and expenses		3,702.29(1)	4,100.00	397.71
Insurance		1,949.31(2)	2,010.24	60.93
Town Hall maintenance		221.64(3)	350.00	128.36
Loans	4,961.81	5,002.00	50.00	9.81
Town Counsel		28.50	50.00	21.50
Total	<u>4,961.81</u>	<u>10,903.74</u>		
Net cost to Town	\$5,941.93			
(1) Expense Details: See next page.				
(2) Expense Details:		(3) Expense Details:		
Fire	883.93	Janitor		\$88.00
Workmen's Comp. & Liability	1,065.38	Electricity		94.64
		Repairs		39.00
Total	<u>1,949.31</u>	Total		<u>221.64</u>

DETAILS OF OFFICERS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$390.00	
Telephone	67.10	
Supplies	79.94	
Misc.	150.99	
Fuel	65.77	
Annual Reports	270.00	
	<hr/>	1,023.80

Moderator:

Salary		12.00
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Auditor:

Salary		45.00
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Sealer of Weights:

Labor and supplies		25.35
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Custodian of town clock:		20.00
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Town Clerk:

Salary	120.00	
Supplies	78.75	
Misc.	21.74	
Vital Statistics	85.00	
	<hr/>	305.49

Assessors:

Salaries	590.00	
Supplies	30.66	
Misc.	8.79	
Registrations	22.95	
Clerical Help	93.45	
	<hr/>	745.85

Tax Collector:

Salary	500.00	
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Supplies	125.91	
Misc.	79.45	
	<hr/>	705.36
Treasurer:		
Salary	360.00	
Supplies	117.46	
Misc.	49.50	
	<hr/>	526.96
Registrars:		
Labor		122.85
Election Officers:		
Labor	112.60	
Supplies	57.03	
	<hr/>	169.63
Total		<hr/> \$3,702.29

1949 BUDGET

AS PREPARED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

	1948	1948	1949
	Approp.	Expenses	Recom- mended
General Government Account			
Officers Salaries & Exp.	4,100.00	3,702.29	4,100.00
Town Hall maintenance	350.00	221.64	300.00
Interest on Notes	50.00	40.19	50.00*
Legal Expense	50.00	28.50	50.00
Insurance	2,010.24	1,949.31	1,900.00
Highway Accounts			
Chapter 81	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00*
Chap. 90 Main.	500.00	500.00	500.00*
Fire Accounts			
Chap. 90, Cons., Rindge Rd.	1,000.00	1,000.13	1,000.00*
Chap 90, Cons., N. Ipswich Rd.	1,500.00	1,500.20	1,500.00*
Chap. 81, Supplement	1,500.00	1,499.86	1,500.00
Road Machine Expense	900.00	897.47	900.00
Highways & Bridges	500.00	497.22	500.00
Street Lights	728.00	738.72	740.00
Police	1,450.00	1,596.44	2,000.00
Fire Department	1,800.00	1,779.91	2,300.00
Firemen's Salaries	175.00	175.00	
Forest Fire	250.00	243.93	500.00
Fire Hose—Special 1949			750.00*
Water Holes—1948	2,000.00	1,632.59	367.41*
Water Holes—1949			1,000.00*
Gas Masks—(\$1200 requested)			400.00*
Library			
(Plus Fines and Funds)	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Snow Removal Accounts			
Snow Removal	13,000.00	12,969.12	(later)
Snow Fence—1949 Special			300.00*
Cemetery			
General Care	250.00	248.52	200.00
Welfare			
General Relief	2,700.00	2,502.51	4,500.00
General Relief, Adm.	210.00	210.00	210.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	746.42	2,500.00

Aid to Depend. Chidren, Adm.	10.00	10.00	10.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00	7,098.16	7,000.00
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	265.00	265.00	265.00
School Accounts			
School (Plus dog tax & funds)	35,500.00	35,498.61	41,200.00
Vocational Training	250.00	109.26	250.00
School Painting (1949 Special \$1500 requested)	.....	.....	-----*
Health Accounts			
Health	1,300.00	1,237.47	1,300.00
T. B. Hospital	331.46	331.46	456.44*
Nashoba Health Unite	307.80	307.80	444.00*
Dog Officer	50.00	32.58	50.00
Miscellaneous Accounts			
Tree Warden	10.00	.....	10.00
Town Common Main.	150.00	72.68	150.00
Memorial Day	150.00	145.75	150.00
Reserve Acct.	1,000.00	226.09	1,000.00
Veterans Services	300.00	32.80	300.00
Moth Control	554.62	554.26	555.00
Extension Service	35.00	35.00	35.00*
County Retirement System	179.00	179.00	930.70*
Band Concerts (no specific amount requested)	500.00	500.00	-----*
Moderator	12.00	12.00	12.00
Selectmen:			
Chairman	150.00	150.00	150.00
Two members (each	120.00	120.00	120.00
Assessors (Inclusive car use):			
Chairman	200.00	200.00	200.00
Two members (each)	180.00	180.00	180.00
Town clerk	120.00	120.00	120.00
Treasurer	360.00	360.00	360.00
Auditor	54.00	54.00	54.00
Road Surveyor (per hour)	.....	.....	1.00
Road Surveyor (use of car, per hr.)	.....	.....	.12½

* Items marked with asteriks appear as separate articles in town warrant.

Except where noted, amounts requested by departments have been approved.

TOWN WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1948.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To Howard F. Damon, Constable of the Town of Ashby, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Ashby, the 2nd day of March, next, at 12:00 o'clock noon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot for the following Town officers; Moderator, 1 year; 1 Selectman, 3 years; 1 Assessor, 3 years; 1 Auditor, 1 year; 1 School Committee, 3 years; 1 Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years; 1 Library Trustee for 1 year; 3 Library Trustees, 3 years; 1 Constable, 1 year; 1 Park Commissioner, 3 years; 1 Tree Warden, 1 year; 1 Member Board of Public Welfare, 3 years; 1 Superintendent of Streets, for 1 year; 1 Tax Collector for 3 years.

Balloting for Town Officers down stairs in Town Hall. Polls may be closed at 7:30 P. M. Business meeting in First Parish Hall at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Article 1. To elect all other town officers not required by law to be on the official ballot.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town clerk, selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, treasurer, school committee, trustees of the free public library, auditor, and any other officers or committees.

Article 3. To see if the town will bear the expense of burying the dead the ensuing year. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for band concerts or act anything thereon. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$350.00 and \$150.00 for Traffic Duty.)

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00, or some other amount, and elect a director, the money to be spent in the furtherance of agriculture and the director to serve, in cooperation with the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provision of Sections 40-45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts. (Approved by Finance Committee.)

Article 7. To raise and appropriate money for the several departments of the town a detailed list of which will be found in the budget prepared by the selectmen and approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$2900.)

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$500.)

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction Rindge Rd. and New Ipswich Rd., or take any action in relation

thereto. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$1500 on New Ipswich Rd. and \$1000 on Rindge Rd.)

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate the income from invested funds to reduce the tax rate for the current year or act anything thereon. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from free cash for use by the assessors in computing the tax rate or act anything thereon. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$3500.)

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to have a survey made at no expense to the Town to the end that a water district may be created within the community to supply water to those who wish to participate in the water district or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$350.00 for the purpose of patrolling the highways of Ashby to check speeding and other violations, this money to be spent under the jurisdiction of Chief of Police and Selectmen.

Article 15. To see if the town will transfer funds from Cemetery lots, funds to purchase land at West Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for purchase of snow fence. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$250.)

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$175 for firemen's salaries. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate funds for repairs, painting or alteration to the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$179.00 payable to the treasurer of the Middlesex County Retirement

System in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 22 (7) (c) (11) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for repairs and cleaning out water holes or act anything thereon. (Approved by the Finance Committee for \$2000.)

Article 21. To see if the Town will reappropriate the balance of \$110 for the Bennett-Holmes-Curran Post No. 361 American Legion, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy at three public places in said Ashby, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of holding of said meeting to the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 28th day of January, A. D. 1948.

JOHN J. MOSSMAN, Clerk

WAINO I. PERNAÄ

GEORGE C. ELLIOTT, Chairman

Selectman of Ashby.

RESULT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 1949.

Polls were opened at 12:00 o'clock noon. Warrant was read by Arthur L. Wass, Town Clerk. Election officers were duly sworn: Frank M. Mills, Warren J. Bennett, Edward A. Piper, Clarissa C. Lawrence and Lucy M. Bingham. Arthur L. Wass was the presiding officer in charge of the election.

List of officers voted upon by the Official Ballot, and the result was as follows:

Moderator—1 year:

	Votes	Blanks
Luther H. Hayes	294	45
Scattering	6	333

Selectman—3 years:

Franklin C. Ingerson	116	223
Leslie R. Kincaid	60	279
Frederick S. Kohl	157	182

Tax Collector—3 years:

Louis A. Sears	328	11
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Board of Public Welfare—3 years:

Howard F. Damon	324	15
Scattering	1	338

Assessor—3 years:

Donald K. Brooks	268	71
John J. Mossman	73	266

Auditor—1 year:

Floyd C. Pickett	285	54
Scattering	1	338

Member, School Committee—3 years:

Edwin J. Lyman	296	43
Scattering	1	338

Cemetery Commissioner—3 years:

William S. Green	313	26
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Library Trustees—3 years:

Ruth E. Brooks	283	56
Martha W. Foster	251	88
Waino I. Pernaa	275	64
Scattering	4	335

Library Trustee—1 year (to fill vacancy):

Lydia E. French	305	34
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Constable—1 year:

Howard F. Damon	324	15
Scattering	2	337

Park Commissioner—3 years:

Carl E. Foster	311	28
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Tree Warden—1 year:

Irving P. French	305	34
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Road Superintendent—1 year:

Walter A. Johnson	129	210
Roland F. Simonds	208	131

Officers elected as follows:

Luther H. Hayes	Moderator
Frederick S. Kohl	Selectman
Louis A. Sears	Tax Collector
Howard F. Damon	Member, Board of Public Welfare
Donald K. Brooks	Assessor

Floyd C. Pickett	Auditor
Edwin J. Lyman	Member, School Committee
William S. Green	Member, Cemetery Commission
Ruth E. Brooks	Library Trustee
Martha W. Foster	" "
Waino I. Pernaa	" "
Lydia E. French	" "
	(To fill vacancy)
Howard F. Damon	Constable
Carl E. Foster	Park Commissioner
Irving P. French	Tree Warden
Roland F. Simonds	Road Superintendent

7:30 P.M. Business meeting was held in the First Parish Hall, and was called to order by Moderator Luther H. Hayes. The balance of the warrant was read by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk was assisted by Jean Farley in taking motions during the meeting.

Art. 1. Motion was made and seconded that the Clerk cast one ballot for Albert M. Wilder, Fred L. Taylor, Frank M. Mills, Harold W. Loveland, Roscoe Ballou, Elmer L. Mason, Roland F. Simonds and James Hayes to serve as Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber for the ensuing year. Voted: Yes.

Motion was made and seconded that the Selectmen act as Field Drivers and also as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted: Yes.

Motion was made and seconded that the Chairman of School Committee, Selectmen, Public Welfare and Dr. Claire Cayward act as Board of Health for the ensuing year.

Voted: Yes.

7:45 P. M. Motion was made and seconded to close polls.

Art. 2. Motion was made and seconded that the town refuse to accept reports of town officers as printed in the Town Report. Motion withdrawn.

Motion was then made and seconded that the town accept

all reports, as printed in the Town Report, with the exception of the Selectmen's Report. Voted: Yes.

Art. 3. Motion was made and seconded that the town bear the expense of burying the dead for the ensuing year up to \$12.00 per burial.

Amendment: Expense of this to be taken from surplus revenue. Voted on amendment: Lost.

Motion made that we rescind the original motion.

Voted: Yes 44

Voted: No 34

Motion was made and duly seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125 for the purpose of burying the dead for the ensuing year. Voted: Yes.

Art. 4. Motion made for the town to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Voted: Yes.

Art. 5. Motion was made and duly seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for band concerts for the ensuing year and nothing for traffic duty. Voted: Yes.

Amendment: One of these concerts to be reserved for the Ashby Grange Fair. Voted: Yes.

Amendment to the Amendment: That concerts be held on the Town Common. Voted: Yes.

Art. 6. Motion made for town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00 and elect Mrs. George Seymour as director, the money to be spent in the furtherance of agriculture and the director to serve in cooperation with the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provision of Sections 40-45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts. Voted: Yes.

Art. 7. Motion was made and duly seconded that the town accept salary budget as prepared by the Finance Committee.

Voted: No.

Amendment: That the Road Supt. salary and car expense be taken up separately.

Voted: No.

Motion was made and seconded that town officer's salaries for the ensuing year be taken up separately.

Voted: Yes.

Motion was made and seconded that the pay for town officers for the ensuing year be as follows: Moderator, \$12.00; Selectmen: Chairman, \$150.00, other two members, \$120.00 each; Assessors: Chairman, \$200.00, other two members \$180.00 each; Town Clerk, \$120.00; Treasurer, \$360.00; Collector, \$500.00; Auditor \$54.00; Road Supt. \$1.10 per hour plus 15c per hour for use of car; Road laborer other than on Chapter 90 roads, 85c per hour; Trucks, State rate. All other town help be paid at discretion of department heads in conjunction with Selectmen; Chairman of Public Welfare, \$90.00, other two members, \$60.00 each; School Committee, \$48.00 each.

Voted: Yes.

Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the following amounts for town charges, as follows:

General Government	\$4,100.00
Town Hall Maintenance	350.00
Interest on Notes	50.00

Legal Expense—Voted to reappropriate the 1947 unexpended balance of \$50.00.

Motion was then made and seconded that the Town Clerk write a letter of thanks to Mr. Asa Allen for his legal work done for the town in the past year.

Voted: Yes.

Insurance	2,010.24
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9:15 Announcement of the results of the election by the Moderator.

Protection of Persons and Property

Law Enforcement	950.00
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Amendment: That \$150.00 of this amount be spent for traffic duty at the band concerts. Voted: Yes.

Fire Department	1,350.00
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Forest Fire Department	250.00
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Tree Warden: Voted to reappropriate the 1947 unexpended balance of \$10.00.

Moth Control	554.62
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Nashoba Health Unit	307.80
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Health and Sanitation

Public Health	1,300.00
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Dog Officer	50.00
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T. B. Hospital	331.46
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Highways

Highways and Bridges	500.00
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Snow Removal	13,000.00
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Road Machinery Maintenance Account	900.00
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Oil and Tar Special	1,500.00
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Street Lighting	728.00
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Library

Public Library—Income from invested funds plus fines	1,200.00
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Public Library—New furnace	400.00
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Amendment: That three bids be received before the purchase of same. Voted: Yes.

Recreation and Unclassified

Town Common	150.00
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Memorial Day	150.00
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Reserve Fund	1,000.00
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Veterans Benefits and Adm.	300.00
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Cemeteries, General care	250.00
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Schools

Support of Schools—Income from invested funds plus
Dog Tax 35,750.00

Public Welfare

General Relief	1,200.00
General Relief, Adm.	210.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	265.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	10.00
Voted: Yes.	

Art. 8. Motion made that the sum of \$2,900.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$13,050.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Voted: Yes.

Art. 9. Motion made that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways' maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Voted: Yes.

Art. 10. Motion made that the sum of \$1,500.00 for New Ipswich Road and \$1,000.00 for Rindge Road be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways' Construction, and that, in addition, the sums of \$6,000.00 New Ipswich Road and \$4,000.00 Rindge Road be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the state and county to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Voted: Yes.

Art. 11. Motion was made and seconded that the town ap-

appropriate the income from invested funds to reduce the tax rate the ensuing year. Voted: Yes.

Art. 12. Motion was made and seconded that this article be passed over. Voted: Yes.

Art. 13. Motion was made and seconded that this article be passed over. Voted: No.

Motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to have a survey made at no expense to the town to the end that a water district be created within the community to supply water to those who wish to participate. Voted: No.

Art. 14. Motion was made and seconded that this article be passed over. Voted: Yes.

Art. 15. Motion was made and seconded that the town authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to purchase land adjacent to West Cemetery—funds available from Cemetery lots, with the approval of the Selectmen. Voted: Yes.

Art. 16. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of Snow Fence and some of this to be installed on Wheeler Road. Voted: No.

Amendment: Road Supt. to have authority to say where this snow fence is to be placed. Voted: No.

Motion and Amendment withdrawn.

Motion was made and duly seconded that the town reappropriate the 1946 unexpended balance of \$300.00 for the purchase of Snow Fence and a portion of this fence to be installed on Wheeler Road. Voted: Yes.

Art. 17. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for Firemen's salaries. Voted: Yes.

Art. 18. Motion made that a committee of five be nomi-

nated and elected from the floor this evening empowered to spend up to the sum of \$923.60 for plans and blueprints for remodeling the Town Hall—reporting their action and recommendations at a special Town meeting to be held some time in June 1948. This money to be reappropriated from the Special Building Fund Committee's funds. Memorial Building Committee.

Voted: Yes.

Committee elected: Chairman of the School Board, Chairman of the Selectmen, Mr. Albert Damon, Mr. William Tantum and Mr. Herbert O'Neil.

Motion made that nominations be closed. Voted: Yes.

Above committee elected.

Art. 19. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$179.00 payable to the Treasurer of Middlesex County Retirement System, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22 (7) (c) (11) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 20. Motion was made and duly seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the cleaning and repairing town water holes.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 21. Motion was made and seconded that the town reappropriate the 1947 unexpended balance of \$110.00 Quarters for American Legion, for use by the Holmes-Curran-Bennett Post 361 A. L.

Motion was withdrawn.

11:20 P. M. Motion was made and seconded that this meeting be dissolved.

ARTHUR L. WASS,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 7, 1948

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To: Howard F. Damon, Constable of the Town of Ashby, in said county.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the First Parish Hall, in said Ashby, the 7th day of June, next, at 8 P. M. for consideration of the following articles:

Art. 1. To hear the report of the Special Town Hall Committee and act anything thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$450.00 from surplus funds for operating and maintenance expenses of the Fire Department.

Art. 3. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the construction of an addition to the Fire Department Engine House.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will sell the "JAEGER SUMP PUMP" to the Ashby Fire Department for the sum of \$1.00.

Art. 5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the elimination of the drainage nuisance at the School House.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 143, Sections 3 to 12 inclusive, (previously brought up as Article 25 at the annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1947.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy at three public places in said Ashby, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of holding of said meeting to the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 29th day of May, A. D. 1948.

WAINO I. PERNAA, Chairman

GEORGE C. ELLIOTT

FRERERICK S. KOHL, Clerk

Selectmen of Ashby

RESULT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 7, 1948

A Special Town Meeting was held in the First Parish Hall June 7, 1948 at 8:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Luther H. Hayes. Warrant was read by the Town Clerk. 85 Voters present.

Art. 1. Committee's report as read by Wilbur Tantum accepted with thanks.

Following is the report:

June 7, 1948.

A Report from The Special Town Hall Committee

To the Town of Ashby:

Greetings: We the undersigned present for your edification and consideration the results of our three month study regarding the possibility or possibilities of remodeling the present Town Hall as set forth in a motion under Article 18 of the Town Warrant, dated March 2nd, 1948, reading as follows:

"Motion made that a committee of five (5) be nominated and elected from the floor this evening, empowered to spend up to the sum of nine hundred twenty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$923.60) for plans and blue-prints for remodeling the Town Hall, reporting their actions and recommendations at a special Town Meeting to be held some time in June, 1948. The money to be reappropriated from the special building fund committee's funds (otherwise known as the Memorial Building Committee.)"

1. The first consideration was to determine the needs for which this building would be used:

A) Hall large enough to accommodate all Ashby Citizens interested in Town Meetings; with adequate ceiling height, playing area and seating space for basketball; and socials.

B) Adequate stage facilities, roughly 20' x 30'.

C) Society Rooms.

D) Kitchen facilities.

E) Dressing rooms, toilets, showers, etc.

F) Adequate heating; continuous versus occasional.

2. To accomplish the foregoing the following steps were deemed necessary:

A) Level building, raise four (4) feet and construct new foundation.

B) Erect new addition, 30' x 40' x 26', at rear of present structure.

C) Lower present floor level four (4) feet to allow sixteen (16) foot ceiling height; lay new floor.

D) Build new side entrances, enlarge present vestibule and use as stage area.

E) Utilize one half of present and all of new basement area for dressing rooms, showers, toilets, kitchen, heater room, etc.

F) Interior and exterior painting, grading, new water supply and drainage system.

It was our earnest desire to see if such a goal could be obtained for a reasonable figure but, based on best available bids and estimates we find the cost to be in the neighborhood of thirty-five to forty thousand dollars (35,00 to \$40,000) and possibly higher when remodeling problems arise which we were unable to foresee.

Therefore, we the undersigned Committee, respectively

recommend that the citizens of Ashby reject any proposal or consideration to remodel the present Town Hall Building save that sum necessary to retain and maintain the present building on the basis of civic pride.

Committee expenditures to date, nil.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR M. TANTUM, Chairman
WAINO I. PERNA
EDWIN J. LYMAN
ALBERT H. DAMON
HERBERT L. O'NEIL, SR.

Art. 1. Motion was made and seconded that a committee of five be named, empowered to spend up to the sum of nine hundred twenty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$923.60) for plans, blue prints and costs of constructing a new Town Building, reporting their actions and recommendations at a special town meeting to be held within 90 days of this meeting. This committee to include one member from the Selectmen and one member from the School Board and the remaining three members to be appointed by the Moderator. Money to be reappropriated from the unexpended balance of the Special Town Hall Committee's funds.

Voted: Yes.

Committee appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Frederick S. Kohl, Wilbur Tantom, Franklin Ingerson, Edwin J. Lyman and Waino I. Pernaa.

Art. 2. Motion was made and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$450.00 from surplus funds for operating and maintenance expenses of the Fire Department. Voted: Yes.

Art. 3. Motion was made and seconded that the Selectmen and Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to secure bids on addition to the Fire Engine House.

Voted: No.

Motion was made and seconded that a committee to include the Chairman of Selectmen, Fire Chief and Road Superintendent and two members at large be appointed to study the matter of construction of building needs and to make their recommendations and report at a Special Town Meeting called for under Article 1. Voted: Yes.

Committee: Waino I. Pernaa, George C. Elliott, Roland F. Simonds, Wallace H. Walker and David H. Damon.

Art. 4. Motion was made and seconded that the town sell to the Ashby Fire Department the "Jaeger Sump Pump" for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). Voted: Yes.

Art. 5. Motion was made and seconded that this Article be passed over Voted: Yes.

Art. 6. Motion was made and seconded that this Article be passed over. Voted: Yes.

Motion was made and seconded to rescind the vote taken under Article 25, Annual Town Meeting held March 4, 1947.
Voted: Yes 85. No. 0.

It was suggested that the Selectmen mail to all registered voters a copy of the articles to be voted upon at all Special Town Meetings.

Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P. M.

ARTHUR L. WASS.

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 1, 1948

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To: Howard F. Damon, Constable of the Town of Ashby, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are

directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the First Parish Hall, in said Ashby, the 1st day of September, next, at 8 P. M. for consideration of the following articles:

Art. 1. To hear the report of the Town Building Committee and act anything thereon.

Art. 2. To hear the report of the Fire Department and Highway Department Building Committee and act anything thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for an addition to the Fire Station or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee if Town takes no action on Fire Department facilities in Article 2 above.)

Art. 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the elimination of the drainage nuisance at the School House. (Previously brought up as Article No. 5 at Special Town Meeting, June 7, 1948.)

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate additional funds for the Police Department both for normal operating expenses and for additional patrol expense or act anything thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for increased General Relief Expense or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy at three public places in said Ashby, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of holding of said meeting to the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 24th day of August, A. D. 1948.

WAINO I. PERNA, Chairman
GEORGE C. ELLIOTT
FREDERICK S. KOHL

Selectmen of Ashby.

RESULT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 1, 1948.

A Special town meeting was held in the First Parish Hall this evening. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by the Moderator, Luther H. Hayes, with 150 voters present. Rev. William B. Howenstine offered the invocation. On motion by Mr. Kohl which was duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Art. 1. The report of the Town Building Committee was read by the Chairman Wilber M. Tantum and was accepted with thanks. Following is the report:

September 1, 1948

Town of Ashby:

Greetings: We the undersigned committee present for your consideration and action, the following proposals under the terms of the motion carried in the Special Town Meeting of June 7th, 1948 reading as follows:

"Move that a committee of five (5) be named, empowered to spend up to the sum of nine-hundred-twenty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$923.60) for plans, blue prints and costs of constructing a new Town Building reporting their actions and recommendations at the next Town Meeting. This committee to include one member from the Selectmen and one member from the School Board. Money to be reappropriated from the unexpended funds of the Special Town Hall Committee's funds. Amendment passed to report in 90 days."

1. It was our earnest desire to see if a community building could be constructed for a reasonable sum housing a combination auditorium-gymnasium and related facilities, however it was apparent that such a structure was unreasonable because of:

A) Total cost would have to be borne by the Town itself without State Aid.

B) The indebtedness incurred would make it difficult for the Town to finance any other substantial building construction for a period of many years.

C) It is known that with an increasing school population two additional class rooms will be needed by 1950; and two more again by 1952. For these reasons along with the fact that State Aid for construction of school buildings (Chapter 645, Acts of 1948) Ashby's reimbursement would be up to 44 per cent of the total cost of construction, it was evident that any structure should logically be coupled with school needs.

2. With the foregoing in mind a preliminary study of the combination structure including gymnasium-auditorium, stage, lobby, cafeteria so constructed as to be available for society meeting rooms, four class rooms, laboratories, teacher and nurse facilities was made. Based on brick construction it was estimated that this would cost approximately \$375,00.00 (350,000 cu. ft. at \$1.00 per cu. ft. plus furnishings, best available current average estimate).

A) Feeling that the Town should not attempt total project at the time we submit a breakdown of estimated costs in order to allow the consideration of construction in part:

B) a. Gymnasium-auditorium, including heat and basement for later partitioning, not including stage or lobby \$125,000

b. Stage	50,00
c. Lobby	25,000
d. Partitioning and furnishing	25,000
e. Class room wing	135,000
f. Class room wing equipment	15,000

Total project	375,000
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3. In accordance with an estimate furnished by the State Office of Taxation and Corporations, we present an example to illustrate the financing of a \$150,000 project:

Having \$35,000 in funds it would be necessary for the Town to raise and appropriate \$115,000. As our debt limit is \$60,000 it would be necessary to petition legislature for \$55,000. This would mean an amortizing yearly payment, for 20 years, (\$5750 plus interest of \$1950) of \$7700. However the State will reimburse Ashby up to 44 percent of the cost of the building, or \$66,000. This \$66,000 paid in equal payments over 20 years equals \$3300 per year the State will pay us. This \$3300 deducted from our yearly payment of \$7700 would leave a net of \$4400 to be raised by taxes or, based on the present tax schedule of 67 cents for every \$1000 spent, would mean an increase on the tax rate of \$2.95.

4. In conclusion, we respectfully urge the citizens of Ashby to approve one of the aforementioned proposals.

5. Committee expenditures to date \$207.25 for preliminary sketches. Returning balance of \$716.35.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR M. TANTUM, Chairman
WAINO I. PERNA
EDWIN J. LYMAN
FREDERICK S. KOHL
FRANKLIN C. INGERSON

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Sept. 1, 1948

Art. 1. Motion was made and duly seconded that the Town approve the school building project of a combination gymnasium and auditorium with provisions for class rooms.

Approximate cost \$150,000.00.

It was voted to have the above vote taken by Check List.

Mr. Roland F. Simonds and Arthur L. Wass were appointed by the Moderator to serve as Checkers.

Result of the check list vote: 78 Yes. 54 No.

It was also voted that the same building committee, comprising Wilbur M. Tantum, Waino I. Pernaa, Edwin J. Lyman, Frederick S. Kohl and Franklin C. Ingerson work further on this project.

Motion was made and seconded that the town reappropriate the sum of \$716.35, being the unexpended balance of the Town Building Committee, for further use of the Committee.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 2. Mr. Waino I. Pernaa made a verbal report for the Fire Department and Highway Department Building Committee, which was unfavorable and inadvisable to do anything at this time. The motion was then made and seconded to accept the report.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 3. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for an addition to the Engine House.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 4. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the elimination of the drainage nuisance at the Lyman School.

Voted: Yes.

Art. 5. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Police Department Operation Expenses.

Voted: Yes.

Amendment: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a Patrol car. Amendment Lost.

Art. 6. Motion was made and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for General Relief.

Voted: Yes.

10:20 P. M. Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Voted: Yes.

ARTHUR L. WASS,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 13, 1948

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To: Howard F. Damon, Constable of the Town of Ashby,
in said county.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Ashby, the 13th day of December, next, at 7:30 P. M. for consideration of the following article:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following town property:

- 1) Holt Crawler Tractor and snow plow attachment.
- 2) Waco grader.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy at three public places in said Ashby, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of holding of said meeting to the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 4th day of December, A. D. 1948.

WAINO I. PERNA, Chairman
GEORGE C. ELLIOTT
FREDERICK S. KOHL, Clerk.

Selectmen of Ashby.

RESULT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 13, 1948

A Special Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall this evening at 7:30. The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Luther H. Hayes. The warrant was then read by the Town Clerk. There were eleven voters present.

Art. 1. On motion made by Frederick S. Kohl and duly seconded, it was voted that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the following:

(a) Waco Grader, by public auction.

(b) Holt Crawler Tractor and snow plow attachment, by public auction.

(c) Trailer Sander (broken), scrap metal and junk, now the property of the Highway Dept., by direct sale to a scrap metal dealer at recognized current prices, with the net proceeds of these sales going into the town's Machinery Purchase Account.

Voted: Yes.

Voted to adjourn.

ARTHUR L. WASS,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

1949 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Howard F. Damon, Constable of the Town of Ashby,
in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Ashby, the 8th day of March, next, at 12:00 o'clock noon, then and there to give their votes on one ballot for the following town officers.

- Moderator—1 year.
- 1 Selectman—3 years.
- 1 Assessor—3 years
- Auditor—1 year.
- 1 School Committee member—3 years.
- 1 School Committee member—1 year. (vacancy)
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner—3 years.
- 3 Library Trustees—3 years.
- 1 Library Trustee—2 years. (vacancies)
- Constable—1 year.
- 1 Park Commissioner—3 years.
- Tree Warden—1 year.
- 1 Member, Board of Public Welfare—3 years.
- Road Surveyor—1 year.

Polls may be closed at 7:30 P. M.

Business meeting to be held in 1st Parish Hall at
7:30 P. M. for consideration of the following articles:

Article 1. To elect town officers not required by law to be on the official ballot, as follows:

Board of Health.
Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Timber.
Fence Viewers.
Field Drivers.

Article 2. To hear the 1948 Reports of the various town officers.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949 to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 44, Chapter 44, General Laws. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 4. To raise and appropriate funds for the various departments of the Town as listed in the 1949 Budget prepared by the Finance Committee after consultation with the Board of Selectmen and department heads, or to act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$2900 for Chapter 81 Highways, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$2900.)

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$500 for Chapter 90 Highway maintenance, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$500.)

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate funds for Chapter 90 Highway Construction as follows:

New Ipswich Road	\$1500
Rindge Road	\$1000

or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$1500 and \$1000 as shown.)

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$930.70 for the Middlesex County Retirement system in accordance with Chap. 23, Section 22 (7) c (11) of the

Gen. Laws, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$930.70.)

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$456.44 for the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$456.44.)

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$444.00 for the Nashoba Health Unit, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$444.00.)

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00, and elect a director, the money to be spent in the furtherance of agriculture and the director to serve, in cooperation with the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provision of Sections 40-45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$35.00.)

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$300.00 for snow fence, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$300.00.)

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1200 for gas masks for the Fire Department in accordance with Chapter 48, Section 51A of the General Laws, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$400.)

Article 14. To see if the town will reappropriate \$367.41 (the unexpended 1948 balance) and raise and appropriate \$1000 for the repair and building of water holes for fire protection, or act anything thereon. (Approved for \$367.41 and \$1000.00 as shown, by Finance Committee.)

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$750 for fire hose for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon. (Approved by Finance Committee for \$750.)

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1500 for painting the exterior of the Lyman School. (Disapproved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate funds for band concerts.

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate the income from the Town Farm Fund to reduce the tax rate for the year 1949. (Approved by the Finance Committee.)

Article 19. To hear the report of the Building Committee.

Article 20. To see if the town will (1) select a location for and (2) raise and appropriate funds for the repair and installation of the town's platform scales (removed from former location because of interference with the driveway for the engine house addition.)

Article 21. To see if the town will appoint a committee to make recommendations at the next annual town meeting concerning the establishment of a permanent "Honor Roll" of town residents who served in the armed forces during World War II.

Article 22. To see if the town will accept the following by-laws and by their acceptance cancel any and all previous by-laws that may have been enacted concerning the date and time for annual town meetings:

Section 1.—The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of March of each year.

Section 2.—All business of the annual town meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held on the first Saturday following the first Monday of March at 7:00 P. M.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to support the following resolution or act anything thereon:

Whereas, modern science has produced means by which mankind can destroy itself; and,

Whereas, this threat can be reduced by strengthening the United Nations through amending its Charter so as to clothe it with some measure of world government; and

Whereas, the people of Ashby have always been happy to delegate appropriate portions of their innate sovereignty to their town government, to their state government, and to their national government; therefore be it

Resolved, that we the people of Ashby, Massachusetts, in Town Meeting assembled, in order to help form a more perfect union of the people of the world, to help insure peace among them, and to confirm our faith in the principles of delegated government, do now call upon our Senators and Representatives in the American Congress, and the President of the United States, to support measures looking toward amending the United Nations Charter so as to make it a world government capable of enacting, interpreting, and enforcing world law to prevent war; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk be hereby directed to transmit one copy of this Resolution to each Senator from Massachusetts, to the Representative from the fifth Congressional District, and to the President of the United States.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy at three public places in said Ashby, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of holding of said meeting to the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, A. D. 1949.

WAINO I. PERNAA, Chairman
GEORGE C. ELLIOTT
FREDERICK S. KOHL, Clerk

Board of Selectmen.

BIRTHS

RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ASHBY FOR

THE YEAR 1948

1947

- Nov. 4 Christina Arche, daughter to Christopher B. and Corita (Arche) Sykes.

1948

- Jan. 9 Rebecca Joy, daughter to Eino and Adell (Hilow) Wiita.
- Jan. 15 Mabelle Rosetta, daughter to Elwin C. and Sarah R. (Bernhardt) Shepherd.
- Jan. 15 Louise Ann and Louis Arthur, twins to Pierre A. and Evelyn (Martineau) Dufresne.
- Jan. 24 Larry William, son to Sulo W. and Elsie (Honkala) Piispanen.
- Feb. 5 Diane Marie, daughter to Norman and Ellie (Honkala) Gove.
- Feb. 8 Philip Michael, son to Victor M. and Marjorie (Bennett) D'Atre.
- Mar. 7 Bruce Allen, son to Raymond and Pauline (Peters) Paradis.
- Apr. 19 Baby Evans, daughter to Leon D. and Olive (Vincent) Evans.
- Apr. 30 Linda Ann, daughter to Alfred H. and Barbara M. (Fuller) Raynes.
- May 9 John A., Jr., son to John A. and Phyllis (Cheney) Gibbs.
- June 4 Bonnie Jean, daughter to Eino W. and Bertha Irene (Hill) Ojala.
- June 12 Joseph Andrew, son to Harold and Beatrice (Leger) Valliere.
- June 13 Carol Lucille, daughter to Herbert and Lucille (Davis) Sanders.
- June 28 Brian Henry, son to Henry A and Ruth (Ferris) Ingerson.

- June 29 Kathy Gertrude, daughter to John N. and Rauha (Marjaniemi) Cunningham.
- July 7 Alexander Jerome, son to Emmitt and Martha M. (Mossman) Stephens.
- July 13 Kathleen Joan, daughter to Walfred and Joan R. (Bailey) Hill.
- July 29 Janet Marie, daughter to Einari W. and Eleanor Katherine Elizabeth (Korpi) Ojala.
- July 30 Richard Eugene, son to Eugene O. and Alice (Girouard) Lampula.
- Aug. 13 Rodney Lee, son to Leo B. and Mildred E. (Bennett) Fors.
- Sept. 2 Brian James, son to William B. and Ellen M. (Ojala) Korpi.
- Sept. 10 Jon Dana, daughter to Alfred J. and Elizabeth (Telka) Boudreau.
- Sept. 14 Eric John, son to Eino and Elma (Hyvarinen) Aho.
- Sept. 29 Baby Foresman, daughter to Fred A. and Jacqueline (Lamontagne) Foresman.
- Oct. 1 David Alan, son to Dwight E. and Ernestine A. (Smith) Bond.
- Oct. 1 Kathleen Dee, daughter to Wallace E. and Winifred P. (Rosbury) Johnson.
- Oct. 8 Christine Ann, daughter to John and Betty (Furmage) Salo.
- Oct. 11 Sharyn Elizabeth, daughter to John G. and Sara Elizabeth (Bartlett) Barstow.
- Oct. 13 June Audrey, daughter to John E. and Gladys (Brewer) Heisson.
- Oct. 23 Kendall Fox III, son to Kendall and Ruth (Cheney) Crocker.
- Dec. 4 Sheila Marie, daughter to Waino and Helvi (Hakkila) Soini.
- Dec. 7 Brenda Ann, daughter to Samuel and Dorothy (Mobley) Beaman.

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MARRIAGES

RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ASHBY FOR THE YEAR 1948

- Jan. 21 Robert E. Wotten of Ashby and Priscilla M. Pelland of Fitchburg at Fitchburg, by Rev. Roland A. Nadeau.
- Jan. 24 Hector J. Pelletier and Katherine R. Fagan both of South Ashburnham at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- Feb. 21 Forrest A. Reynolds and Gloria L. Fagan both of South Ashburnham at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- Mar. 29 Stanley A. Goode of Fitchburg and Natalie Marie Helena Hammar of Ashby at Fitchburg, by Rev. William B. Welz.
- Apr. 13 Robert J. Hill of Gardner and Mary A. Pillsbury of Ashby at Gardner, by Rev. Arthur W. Newcombe.
- Apr. 24 Kauko M. Haapala of Ashby and Lillian M. Bouchard of Fitchburg at Gardner, by Rev. J. William Suppola.
- May 1 John E. Heisson of Fitchburg and Gladys B. Brewer of Ashby at Ashby, by Rev. William B. Howenstine.
- June 12 Irving B. Davis of Ashby and Bette June Ritcey of Ashburnham at Ashburnham, by Rev. E. Bruce Price.
- June 26 Russell J. Surret of Pepperell and Angelina M. Stevens of Seekonk at Ashby, by Rev. William B. Howenstine.
- July 3 Noel G. Pomerleau and Pauline Thelma Normandin both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- July 6 Everett T. Backus and Pearl Allen (Morey) both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- July 24 Mortimer H. Dingee of Ashby and Celia Agnes Cote of Fitchburg at Fitchburg, by Rev. Lionel C. Whiston.
- July 31 Waldemar O. Tiilikkala of Ashby and Bertha Kyllikki Anttila of Fitchburg at Fitchburg, by Rev. William Sumner.

- Aug. 14 Fernand R. Lareau and Antonia Catherine Maglione
both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass,
Justice of the Peace.
- Aug. 21 Paul J. Banahan of Fitchburg and Albertine (Gallant)
Mailloux of Leominster at Ashby, by Arthur L.
Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- Aug. 29 Gerhard I. Aho of New York City and A. Irma Haapala
of Ashby at Fitchburg, by Rev. G. A. Aho.
- Oct. 1 John Franklin Day of Ashby and Helen Harriet Moore
of Boston at Hingham, by Rev. Raymond Johnson.
- Oct. 2 James Richard Archer of Littleton and Mary Agnes
McNiff of Groton at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass,
Justice of the Peace.
- Oct. 30 John A. Lammi of Ashby and Barbara Esther Holmes
of Gardner at Gardner, by Rev. Arthur W. New-
combe.
- Nov. 13 Philip Anthony Lagrassa and Constance (Vachon)
Somma both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L.
Wass, Justice of the Peace.
- Nov. 25 Rudolph Aaltonen of Ashby and May Irene Parhiala
of New Ipswich at New Ipswich, by Rev. William
E. Steckel.
- Dec. 11 Ernest J. Guerin, Jr. and Helen Catherine Sullivan
both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass,
Justice of the Peace.
- Dec. 14 Francis William Rameau and Beverly Jane Blandin
both of Fitchburg at Ashby, by Arthur L. Wass,
Justice of the Peace.
- Dec. 25 Raymond C. Graves of Worcester and Martha Rack-
liffe of Ashby at Ashby, by Rev. William B. How-
enstine.

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DEATHS

RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ASHBY FOR THE YEAR 1948

DATE	NAME	BIRTHPLACE	AGE		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys
January:			70	5	29
11	Jacob Waaramaa	Finland			
February:			75	0	23
19	Jesse L. Cutting	Ashby			
23	Charles V. White	Marlboro, N. H.	52	6	19
23	Lauri K. Inki	Finland	51	9	6
March:			75	10	4
3	James C. Allen	Ashby			
22	Fannie Louise Joyce Jenkins	Ashby	84	11	23
April:			86	1	15
4	Nellie M. Aldrich	New Ipswich, N. H.			
8	Henry B. Houghton	Stow	86	8	20
27	Willis E. Wright	Ashby	69	11	24
29	Arthur G. Gustafson	Fitchburg	49	7	9
June:			89	8	8
23	Fernando A. Farnsworth	Brookline, N. H.			
27	William Rajala	Fitchburg	47	6	2
July:			40		
31	Toivo Lybeck	Maynard			
August:			23	1	26
1	Paul Koivula, Mason, N.H.	Mason, N. H.			
23	John M. Enright	Troy, N. H.	54	3	29
23	Hilma Lydia (Helenius) Salminen	Finland	65	7	9
27	Minnie (Helein) Jackson	Finland	73	7	3
September:			36	2	19
18	Mary Louise Kincaid	Ashby			
18	Rita Joan Kincaid	Fitchburg	1	0	19
20	Martha W. Foster	Springfield	62	0	15
21	Silja E. (Sallila) Somppi	Finland	54	1	29
25	Alexis Arapoff	Russia	43	9	19
29	Baby Foresman	Fitchburg	—	—	—
October:			63	0	18
23	Harold A. White	Kennedy, N. Y.			
November:			79	5	29
15	Elizabeth J. Leighton	Nova Scotia			

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**BODIES BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR INTERMENT
DURING THE YEAR 1948**

			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys
March:					
12	Sarah Maria Pickering	Farmington, N. H.	89	9	26
19	Charles A. Metcheur	Stoneham	68	6	30
19	Sgt. Richard Arthur Bennett	Overseas	25	10	5
30	Addie Wilder	Fitchburg	87	9	18
April:					
10	Nettie M. Adams	Fitchburg	71	7	17
19	Edward Huckins	Fitchburg	67	9	10
22	Myron W. Brooks	Bridgewater	52	1	0
26	Harry A. Wheeler	Springfield	47	7	2
May:					
7	Charles Gravell	Fitchburg	71	9	24
30	Marion Hayward Raymond	Reading	84	2	0
June:					
22	Walter E. Fish	Leominster	87	4	29
22	Frederick Lawrence	Fitchburg	37	6	16
29	William N. Gale	Fitchburg	81	4	2
July:					
12	Edith Emmogene Sunbury	California	80	2	1
September:					
30	Carrie Knapp	Fitchburg	73	6	10
December:					
3	Rosemary Lyman La-Rochelle	Boston	34	10	2

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LIST OF JURORS

Alvah Stacy	Henry A. Ingerson
William Hemlin	Howard A. White
Richard A. Wilkinson	Harry Kenefick
Howard F. Damon	Linnie V. Varney
Elmer L. Mason	John J. Mossman
Elmer A. Rasi	

RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

April 27, 1948

REPUBLICAN PARTY

	Votes	Blanks
Delegates at Large to National Convention (7)		
Robert F. Bradford	8	0
Leverett Saltonstall	8	0
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	7	1
Joseph William Martin, Jr.	7	1
Clarence A. Barnes	7	1
Katherine G. Howard	7	1
Edwin L. Olander	7	1
Alternate Delegates At Large (7)		
Esther W. Wheeler	7	1
Carroll L. Meins	7	1
Clara F. Roberto	7	1
Richard V. Wigglesworth	7	1
Florence G. Claussen	7	1
Anne M. Zyfers	7	1
Milton P. Higgins	7	1
District Delegates—5th District (2)		
Otis M. Whitney	8	0
Thomas Pappas	8	0
Alternate District Delegates—5th District (2)		
Elizabeth B. Cusack	No	Ballots Cast
Leo A. Roy		
State Committee—1st Middlesex District (One man and one woman)		
Harold W. Hartwell	6	2
Doris Y. Preston	6	2
Town Committee (7)		
Luther H. Hayes	8	0
Arthur L. Wass	8	0
Mark Thatcher	8	0

C. Ralph Rackliffe	8	0
Kendall F. Crocker, 2nd	8	0
Beatrice B. Sears	8	0

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

No Ballots Cast

Note: Figures in parentheses denote number of persons to be elected.

RESULT OF STATE PRIMARY

September 14, 1948

REPUBLICAN PARTY

	Votes	Blanks
GOVERNOR		
Robert F. Bradford	89	14
Edward M. Rowe	13	90
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
Arthur W. Coolidge	103	0
SECRETARY		
Frederick W. Cook	103	0
TREASURER		
Laurence Curtis	103	0
AUDITOR		
Douglas Lawson	10	93
Edwin L. Olander, Jr.	36	67
Wallace E. Stearns	2	101
Russell A. Wood	47	56
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Clarence A. Barnes	100	3
SENATOR IN CONGRESS		
Leverett Saltonstall	101	2
CONGRESSMAN—5th District		
Edith Nourse Rogers	99	4

COUNCILLOR—3rd District	97	6
Otis M. Whitney	1	102
Walter H. McCarron, Sr.		

SENATOR—1st Middlesex District	15	88
Robert Henry Achin	0	103
Albert E. Brunelle	13	90
Albert V. Peabody	46	57
Cecil F. Rowe	19	84
James Russell Scott		

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—		
12th Middlesex District	31	72
Earle S. Bagley	3	100
Ralph B. Bowmar	0	103
John L. Cotter	68	35
Samuel P. Crosby		

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY	84	19
Loring P. Jordan	9	94
John F. Lombard		

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	62	41
William G. Andrew	57	46
Edwin O. Childs	27	76
Harland J. Barnes	12	91
Albert L. Sargent		

COUNTY TREASURER	97	6
Charles P. Howard		

SHERIFF (to fill vacancy)	15	88
Smith J. Adams	2	101
Paul J. Allen	49	54
Louis E. Boutwell	7	96
Francis J. Cook	15	88
Frederick L. Galbraith	1	102
Francis P. Shea, Jr.	2	101
Horace H. Walker		

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

GOVERNOR	Votes	Blanks
Paul A. Dever	3	3
Maurice J. Tobin	3	3

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
Edward P. Barry	0	6
Benedict F. FitzGerald, Jr.	0	6
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan	6	0
SECRETARY		
Edward J. Cronin	4	2
Jerome Patrick Troy	2	4
TREASURER		
John E. Hurley	5	1
AUDITOR		
Thomas J. Buckley	5	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Enrico Cappucci	0	6
John F. Kelly	0	6
Francis E. Kelly	1	5
Patrick Gilbert Sullivan	3	3
SENATOR IN CONGRESS		
John I. Fitzgerald	1	5
Francis D. Harrigan	0	6
Joseph A. Langone, Jr.	0	6
John D. Lynch	2	4
Richard M. Russell	2	4
COUNCILLOR—3rd District		
Donald B. Falvey, Jr.	5	1
SENATOR—1st Middlesex District		
William G. Geary	6	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—		
12th Middlesex District		
John L. Cotter	5	1
REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY		
John J. Butler	5	1
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
James A. Cullen	5	1
SHERIFF (to fill vacancy)		
Patrick J. Brennan	3	3
Roger Joseph Kane	0	6
John W. Kelleher	1	5
Horace H. Walker	2	4

RESULT OF STATE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 2, 1948

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Dewey and Warren	372	229
Teichert and Emery	1	600
Truman and Barkley	191	410
Wallace and Taylor	24	577
Watson and Learn	0	601
Thomas and Smith	3	598

GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford	362	239
Paul A. Dever	221	380
Horace I. Hillis	4	597
Mark R. Shaw	0	601

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Arthur W. Coolidge	375	226
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan	198	403
Lawrence Gilfedder	3	598
Guy S. Williams	1	600

SECRETARY

Frederic W. Cook	393	208
Edward J. Cronin	172	429
Gote E. Palmquist	4	597

TREASURER

Laurence Curtis	359	242
John E. Hurley	197	404
Harold J. Ireland	4	597
Malcolm T. Rowe	3	598

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley	238	363
Russell A. Wood	321	280
Robert A. Simmons	1	600
Francis A. Votano	3	598

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes	362	239
Francis E. Kelly	190	411
Anthony Martin	6	595

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	417	184
John I. Fitzgerald	151	450
Henning A. Blomen	2	599
E. Tallmadge Root	3	598

CONGRESSMAN—5th District

Edith Nourse Rogers	489	112
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COUNCILLOR—3rd District

Otis M. Whitney	350	251
Donald B. Falvey, Jr.	171	430

SENATOR—1st Middlesex District

William C. Geary	214	387
Robert Henry Achin	329	272

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—

12th Middlesex District

Earle S. Bagley	380	221
John L. Cotter	171	430

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—

Middlesex County

Loring P. Jordan	355	246
John J. Butler	183	418

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—Middlesex County

William G. Andrew	361	240
Edwin O. Childs	257	344
James A. Cullen	186	415

COUNTY TREASURER—Middlesex County

Charles P. Howard	457	144
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SHERIFF—Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)

Louis E. Boutwell	359	242
Patrick J. Brennan	172	429

Free Speech Referendum No. 1

Yes	387
No	48
Blanks	166

Diversion of Gasoline Taxes Referendum No. 2

Yes	393
No	52
Blanks	156

Succession of State Officers Referendum No. 3

Yes	369
No	36
Blanks	196

Birth Control Referendum No. 4

Yes	366
No	123
Blanks	112

Closed Shop Referendum No. 5

Yes	208
No	250
Blanks	143

Annual Election of Union Officers Referendum No. 6

Yes	267
No	183
Blanks	151

Prohibition of Strikes Referendum No. 7

Yes	248
No	197
Blanks	156

Limiting the President to Two Terms Referendum No. 8

Yes	302
No	103
Blanks	196

All Liquors Over Bar
Referendum No. 9 "A"

Yes	222
No	287
Blanks	92

Beer and Wine Over Bar
Referendum No. 9 "B"

Yes	217
No	273
Blanks	111

Package Store
Referendum No. 9 "C"

Yes	288
No	242
Blanks	71

(Note: The above tabulations of election results serve as portions of the Town Clerk's Report. The results of the town election are included in the minutes of the 1948 Annual Town Meeting.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ASHBY

In Northwestern Middlesex County

Incorporated March 5, 1767

County Offices at East Cambridge

District Court held at Ayer

Lyman K. Clark, Justice

Richard T. Lilly, Clerk

Population	1940	1026
	1945	1110
	1948	1300 (estimated)

Area Square miles 23.94

Number of registered voters 684

In the 5th Congressional District

In the 3rd Councillor District

In the 1st Middlesex Senatorial District

In the 12th Representative District

State and County Officers:

Governor, Paul A. Dever

Lieut. Governor, Charles F. Jeff Sullivan

Secretary of State, Edward J. Cronin

State Treasurer, John E. Hurley

Auditor, Thomas J. Buckley

Atty. General, Francis E. Kelly

U. S. Senators: Leverett Saltonstall and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

Congresswoman, Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell

Councillor, Otis M. Whitney of Concord

State Senator, William C. Geary of Lowell

Representative, Earle S. Bagley of Townsend

District Attorney, George E. Thompson of Melrose

Medical Examiner, Dr. Edward Lilly of Shirley

Deeds and Real Estate mortgages should be recorded with
Middlesex So. District Registry of Deeds at East Cambridge.

Chattel mortgages recorded at the office of Town Clerk.

(Prepared by Arthur L. Wass, Town Clerk)

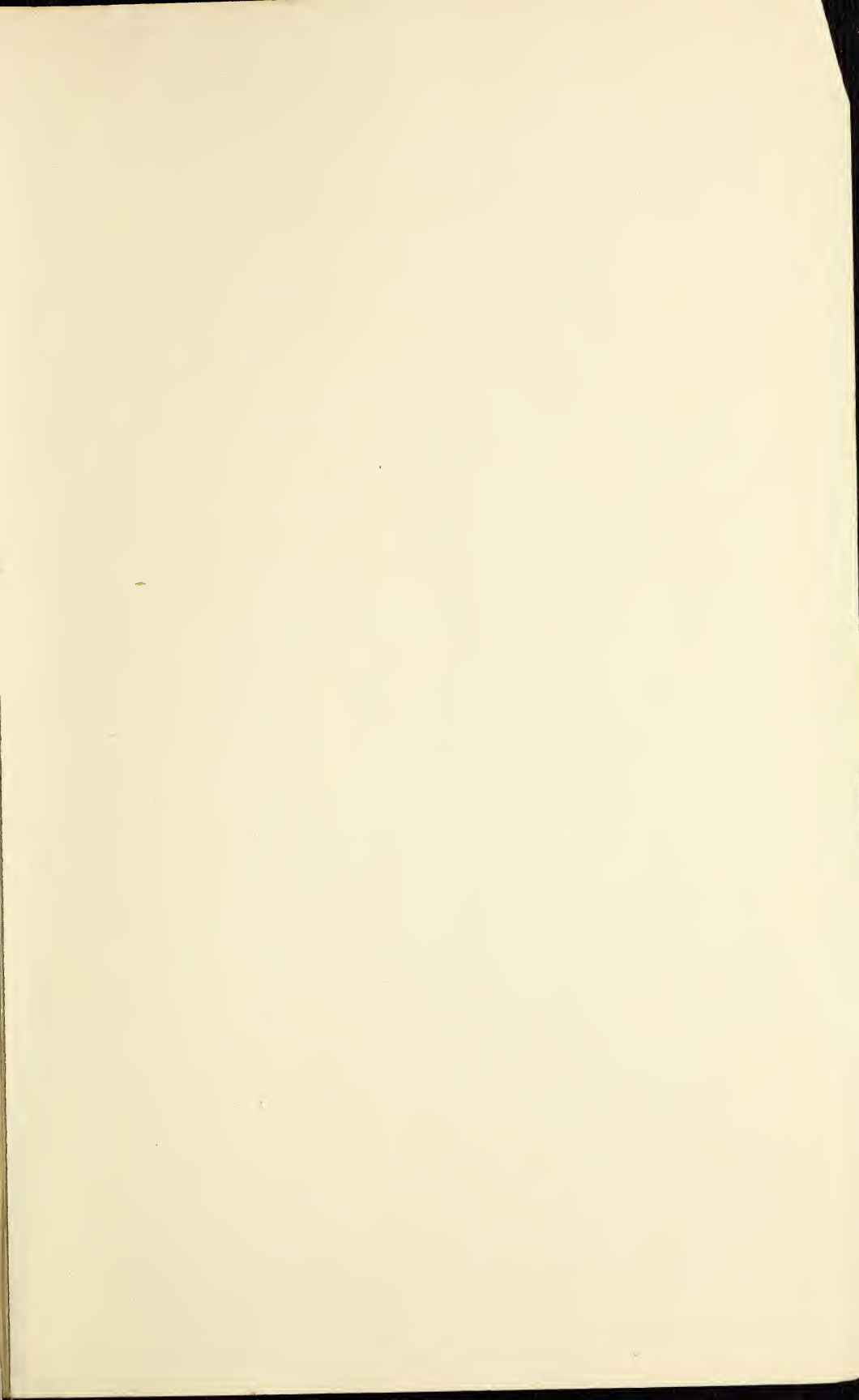
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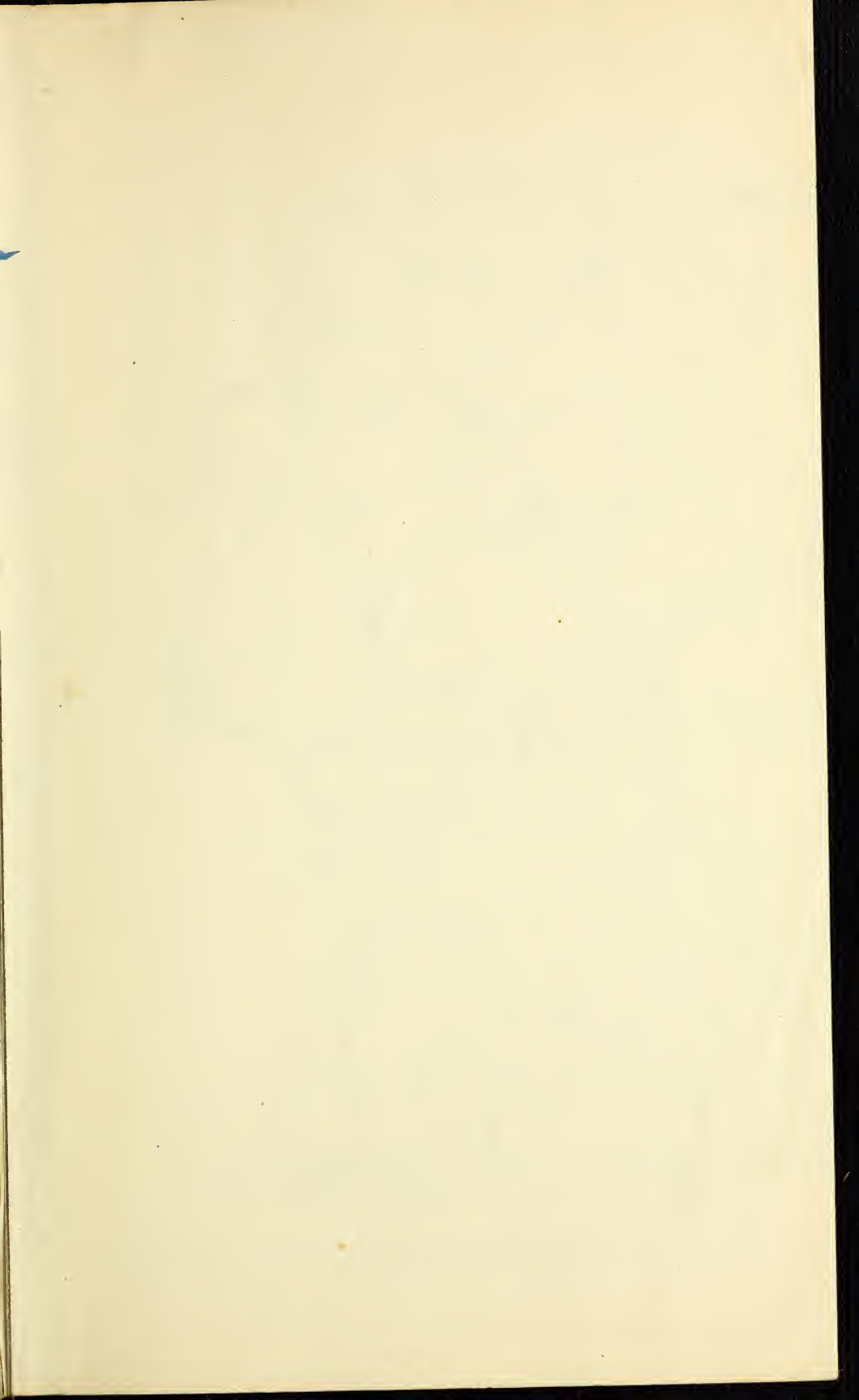
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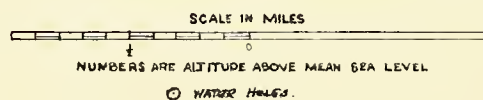
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TOWN OF ASHBY ROADS AND WATERWAYS



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

STATE ROADS ————

OILED ROADS ————

DIRT ROADS ————

REFERENCE MAP: GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAP OF 1946
DRAWN BY SAM T. BEAMAN 1948

